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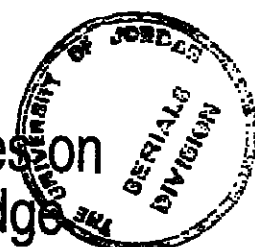
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F-16 crashes; pilot ejects, suffers light injuries

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

An F-16 fighter crashed in the Jezreel Valley yesterday, apparently due to engine failure, the latest in a rash of crashes and mishaps in the air force.

The pilot ejected and was hospitalized with light injuries.

The single-seat F-16C took off from the air base at Ramat David. According to the IDF, the pilot noted problems with his power and the tower radioed that a fire had broken out in his engine. The pilot reportedly tried to return to base, but ejected about 300 meters short of the field.

"We saw fire coming out of its engine and the pilot ejecting. His parachute opened and the jet continued eastward and crashed in the field," a witness told Channel 2.

Channel 2 also reported that so far this year, nine of the US-made F-16s around the world have crashed due to engine failure.

OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu appointed a panel to investigate the crash.

In the past five months, the air force has lost four aviators and at least four planes in crashes. Planes have also dropped training bombs on a main highway and cut the power cables to Eilat. "I have full confidence in the commander of the air force," said Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz.

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IDF rescue workers lead a 13-year-old, found trapped with his mother on the 22nd floor of a collapsed building in Nairobi, to safety yesterday.

(Reuters)

US may have video of Tanzania embassy bombers

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

US officials said yesterday that they might have a videotape of bombers who blasted the American mission in Tanzania on Friday, at the same time as a more devastating attack took place in Kenya, killing some 200 people and injuring 5,000 in both capitals.

The dead included 11 Americans.

A US diplomat in Tanzania revealed the first big breakthrough when he said a security camera on top of the embassy in Dar es Salaam may have filmed the attack there.

The camera was still on top of the four-story building yesterday, pointed toward the guardhouse and the embassy's main gate, where the explosion that killed nine people occurred.

While rescue efforts were stepped up, US and Kenyan investigators in Nairobi continued searching for clues.

Israel's high-profile rescue team in Nairobi continued to search for survivors in the rubble. They have so far succeeded in rescuing a man,

a woman, and her son, and have been working feverishly for over 24 hours to dig to a woman buried beneath tons of concrete and steel.

As of last night, the IDF Home Front Command rescue teams, aided by sniffer dogs, had been able to locate 29 bodies. The US and France have also sent rescue teams to Nairobi, but the Israelis have been doing the bulk of the work.

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Still, reports from Nairobi said that the Americans were not allowing the IDF teams to carry out searches in the less-damaged embassy building.

"We are digging wherever the Americans are asking us to dig," said Lt.-Col. Ofer Loefer, the IDF spokesman on the scene.

The Israeli team was concentrating on the larger wreckage. Loefer said last night that they were able to get hold of a 100-ton crane which would greatly help their rescue operations. They had been digging through the wreckage trying to free

a woman named Rose, who was trapped in a collapsed building adjacent to the embassy.

"We sent dogs to check 15 minutes ago if she's alive and according to our check, she is," Brig.-Gen. Ilan Hariri, chief staff officer of the Home Front Command, told Israel Radio. "All our efforts, all our soldiers at this moment are working on rescuing her."

Lt.-Col. Nahum Frankel, head of the rescue team on the scene, told Army Radio that the work was frustrating because they lacked a heavy crane to clear a path to the trapped woman.

"We were very close to her when we were digging toward another injured man," Frankel said. "When we were rescuing the first survivor, the whole area collapsed and our way to her was blocked."

A second woman, named Jane, was also reported to be alive, not far from Rose.

By mid-morning, an IDF search team had located a mother and her son, 13, who had been hiding on the top floor of the nearby 22-story Cooperative Bank building since the blast.

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A bear at the Tzich Family Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem enjoys relief from the heat - an icy supper of fruit and vegetables.

(Brian Hendler)

Forecasters promise cooler weather is on the way

By JUDY SEGEL and NOAH STREET

Just when you thought it couldn't get any hotter, it did.

But relief from the record high temperatures around the country is in sight, according to Avi Blum, a forecaster at the Meteorological Service.

The worst is over, at least for now, he says. By tomorrow or Wednesday, temperatures should be back to those of an ordinary hot August day.

Temperatures soared yesterday

to 38.5 degrees in Jerusalem, with residents flocking to air-conditioned malls. Around the country, temperatures reached well into the 30s with high humidity, while in Eilat the mercury tipped 46.

Channel 2 reported that some 80 people had been taken to hospitals with heat stroke. In the North, thousands of chickens were reported dead at poultry farms.

Blum said that among the factors responsible for the long spell of unusually hot weather was the fact that instead of cooler, moist air reaching the center of the country

from the sea, hotter air had travelled overland from north to south. The high-pressure ridge was very large and remained over the country.

At the Bell Tower shopping center in Jerusalem, people had come to escape the sweat and swelter outside.

"Today is hot, but it is not as bad as Tel Aviv. Yesterday, as I left an air-conditioned taxi, my glasses immediately fogged up and I almost walked straight into a car," said Perach Goldberg.

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TASE surges 6% following rate cut

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange soared some 6 percent yesterday following the Bank of Israel deci-

sion last week to lower its key lending rate by 1.5%.

The Tel Aviv 100 index rose 5.82% to 328.81, while the Maof 25 surged 5.96% to 343.52.

Traders said that the market rose because investors are expected to buy shares as shekel-linked investments, which attracted the majority of savings in recent years, are becoming less attractive.

Leading the rise was Teva

Pharmaceutical Industries, which soared 16.2% after it reported receiving approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to market a new drug in the US.

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in brief

Iran denies link to Argentina bombing

Iran's Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said a report that Tehran was involved in the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center in Buenos Aires which killed 86 people. "We have time and again announced that Iran has nothing to do with such incidents," Kharrazi said in a report carried by the official Iranian news agency IRNA yesterday. "Such issues are raised from time to time by enemies of the Islamic Republic in order to mar Iran's relations with other countries."

Reuters

Civilian wounded in south Lebanon shelling

The South Lebanon Army shelled suspected guerrilla hideouts in southern Lebanon yesterday, wounding a Lebanese man, security officials said. Mohammed Merel, 70, suffered shrapnel wounds in his neck after a mortar shell hit near his house in Majdal Zoun, 12 km. southeast of Tyre, said the officials. The shelling followed earlier attacks by Amal on IDF and SLA outposts. No casualties were reported from those attacks.

AP

Jordan's water minister tenders resignation

Jordan's water and irrigation minister, Munther Haddadin, submitted his resignation yesterday following accusations that he was responsible for polluted drinking water in parts of the capital. Jordan Television did not say if the prime minister, Abdul-Salam Majali, accepted the resignation, which must also be endorsed by King Hussein.

AP

Police, GSS question Kiryat Arba suspects

Police still consider four minors from Kiryat Arba to be suspects in last month's burning of property belonging to Arabs from Hebron, Judea and Samaria Police Spokesman Ofer Sivan said yesterday.

Although all four youths were released last week, police and the General Security Service called them in yesterday for additional questioning. Police interrogated one teenager in Kiryat Arba, after searching his house. A juvenile investigator was present during the questioning, the minor's mother said.

Amy Klein

Man killed by car

A 70-year-old pedestrian was killed yesterday morning when he was hit by a car in the village of Majd el-Kurum, near Karmiel. Police are investigating.

Itim

How to help bombing victims

People with Type O blood who want to help victims of the terror attacks in Kenya and Tanzania are invited to go to Magen David Adom stations during regular blood-collection hours. For information, call 1-800-400101. Meanwhile, three MDA paramedics have flown to Kenya to assist in the rescue, along with the 100 pints of blood requested.

Judy Siegel

Carmon: No solid defense vs. terror

By GIL HOFFMAN and AP

Israel's embassies and consulates abroad are prepared for terrorist attacks, but that may not be enough, Yigal Carmon, a counterterrorism adviser to former prime ministers Yitzhak Shamir and Yitzhak Rabin, said yesterday.

"All the defensive measures may not help when facing a better plan of attack," Carmon said.

Friday's bombings of the US embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, prove that terrorist attacks can happen anywhere, Carmon said. "Measures to enhance security will have to be taken all over the globe, because when terrorists choose such remote, unexpected targets, it cannot be predicted where the next attack will hit."

Because of this unpredictability, Israel fortified its diplomatic installations around the world after attacks in the 1970s. But, according to Carmon, the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, proved that even the most extensive preparedness is no match for a determined terrorist infrastructure.

Carmon described Osama bin Laden, who is associated with "The Islamic Army for the Liberation of Holy Places," one of the groups that has claimed responsibility for the attack, as the godfather of a network of radical Moslem fundamentalists who developed bases in Afghanistan for training terrorists in the 1980s. Bin Laden is considered responsible for planning a number of terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia and the US.

While Carmon said Bin Laden is certainly capable of masterminding the bombings of the US embassies, he added that accepting responsibility for the attacks is not enough to make an accurate assessment of who is behind the



Soldiers display rescue equipment used by the IDF Home Front Command at an exhibit yesterday at the Jubilee Fair in Tel Aviv. The equipment is the same as that being used by the IDF rescue team at the site of the Nairobi bombing. (Yael Somchil/Israel Sun)

bombings. "We must not make a decision at this point because Iraq, Iran, and so many other crazy fanatics could have done it," Carmon said.

No matter who ends up being found responsible for the attacks, Carmon said it would be a mistake to punish only the perpetrators. He criticized the approach of democratic western countries, including the US and Israel, as attempting to "bring the perpetrators to justice," while ignoring their ideology and sources of

funding.

Carmon cited recent intelligence blunders that have led to Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin being free in Gaza and Hamas leader Mousa Abu Marzook not being extradited to Israel as evidence Israel's mechanisms for fighting terrorism have become weak.

"I cannot blame only the US for the lack of an offensive approach to fight terrorism and exclude Israel," Carmon said.

At a news conference sponsored

by the Government Press Office,

another terrorism expert, Ely Karmon, said that Bin Laden, had recently formed a loose coalition of six fundamentalist groups from Egypt, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

Called the World Islamic Front for Jihad Against Jews and Americans, the group issued a religious ruling calling for Moslems to act against Americans to prevent the takeover of Islamic holy places, Karmon said.

"I think that it fits very well with all those threats and religious rulings that were published in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the past months," said Karmon, a researcher at the privately funded Institute for Counter Terrorism in Herzliya. "I think if we want to evaluate who was behind this attack most of the information points exactly to these groups."

Karmon noted the US State Department on June 12 had issued a statement indicating Bin Laden's threats against American interests should be taken seriously.

Mofaz: Security compromised by lack of funds

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Shaul Mofaz presented his five-year plan to senior IDF officers yesterday, saying he wanted a more modest military with a keener fighting spirit that would implement gradual changes according to a new defense doctrine.

But Mofaz, speaking later in his first meeting with military reporters as chief of staff, repeatedly stressed that the IDF was in a "deep crisis" when it came to resources.

He said that unless the government increased the defense budget the IDF would not be able to provide the state with the proper level of security.

"The IDF is in a deep financial crisis. The direction is for further modernization and strengthening of forces," Mofaz said. "Security costs money. Preserving life precedes the standard of living. In the period of uncertainty in which we are living today, we have to strengthen the IDF and there are

new threats for which answers have to be found." "Without a [budget] increase," Mofaz said, "We won't be able to provide the level of security we think must be provided."

Mofaz has spent the past month since he took over the IDF in a whirlwind tour of most units and IDF branches and holding round table discussions with the top brass.

Mofaz said that over the next five years the air force and military intelligence would be given "full priority" when it came to force strengthening.

But he placed very heavy emphasis on the "fighting core" of the IDF, claiming that under his command, field units will lack nothing.

"The combatant and his unit will have first call on resources. They are the heart of the army and I will make every effort to give them what they need and to eliminate any gaps," Mofaz said.

In return, Mofaz said, he expected results, adding there is no substitute for victory.

"Combat units need to know that victory is a value. There can be no compromises in their contact [with the enemy] and they must be professionals," he said.

He did not elaborate on the issue of augmenting the forces, saying only there would be gradual changes during his tenure.

The CGS also took aim at wastefulness in the IDF, saying he would eliminate duplication and cut positions, including in the General Staff. Some missions and trips would also get the ax.

Mofaz announced that he was limiting the exposure of senior IDF commanders to the media and said that mid-level officers and servicemen and women should be getting more of the limelight.

IDF officers must distance themselves from politics, he said. But he stressed that the IDF was obligated to give its professional opinion to the government on security matters.

Mofaz said he wants to decentralize the

IDF hierarchy, spreading out authority and sharing in the management of resources.

Senior officers like divisional commanders and heads of regional commands will have greater independence in how they use their resources. Some of these changes have already been implemented.

He also wants the IDF to attract the best men and women in the country so that it can retain its high-quality of officers. Money would be found to pay them well to make a career in the military, he added.

The relative high level of readiness in the IDF will be maintained, Mofaz said. Routine security would also be kept at its current levels and funding would be juggled to make sure soldiers are given proper protection, weapons and training.

Regarding Lebanon, Mofaz said the current policy would be maintained, but that he would like to see more offensive actions against Hizbullah.

He also said that the IDF would further strengthen the SLA militia.

Orr launches 'explanatory' tour

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Labor MK Ori Orr began a tour of development towns and other communities around the country to try to explain his positions following the uproar caused by his recent anti-Sephardi comments.

After spending the day in the North, Orr addressed a gathering of some 50 people representing many of Israel's ethnic communities, including Russians and Romanians, at Hatzor Haglilit last night in the home of Herzl and Sima Levy.

"We all want to hear what Orr has to say. I would like to know how he knows what all Moroccans are like, to have made such generalizations," host Sima Levy said yesterday. "I don't agree with his

statements, but he apologized and I think he deserves a chance to explain what he meant."

The Levys, both natives of Hatzor Haglilit but of Moroccan origin, are Labor Party supporters. "I'm proud of my origin and don't feel discriminated against or deprived," said Herzl Levy, chairman of the Pri Haglilit workers' union.

"Orr must understand we are the salt of the earth, who have fought like he has and built this country like he has."

Orr said: "My argument is that there is no real dialogue [between the Sephardi and Ashkenazi communities], and this is largely the fault of the political functionaries who have taken advantage of the ethnic gap."

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Naomi Rosenberg of Talpiot was walking through the mall with her seven children.

"You can't send them to camp on a day like this and I didn't want them to stay at home, so I took them somewhere cool," she said.

Not all fared so well. Fifty-six people were reported as having dehydrated yesterday. Nathan Kondrinski, head of the Magen David Adom training division, said that adults should drink four to five liters of water per day.

Education Ministry Director-General Ben-Zion Dell warned tour groups and camps not to hike between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Fire and Rescue Commissioner Moshe Vardi issued a warning to all fire departments across the country to be on full alert.

Some industries, however, seemed to be profiting nicely from the unbearable heat. Sales of drinks, ice creams, fans, air conditioners and electricity have skyrocketed.

The Israel Electric Corporation yesterday experienced a record demand for electricity - 7,000 megawatts.

AP adds: In Jericho, where the temperature rose to 42 degrees, a prisoner died from overheating. Palestinian Police said.

Walid Kawasmi, 45, died Saturday night in a cell where he was being held by Palestinian police on criminal charges.

"He got dizzy at around noon and was transferred to the hospital, where he was declared dead in the night," said the head of Palestinian intelligence in the West Bank, Brig.-Gen. Tawfik Tiwawi.

Nina Gilbert contributed to this report.

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They were in good condition because they had food with them, but had been too afraid to come down.

The 170-member Israeli team included doctors who administered aid to the survivors and carried out operations at a local hospital in cooperation with local doctors, the army said. So far they have carried out 14 operations. Last night, 40 medical crew members returned to Israel, Loeffler said.

"I have been in other tragedies," said Loeffler. "But in the end it gives me great pride to see how our small country can lend a hand to others."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday offered the help of Israeli intelligence agencies in tracking down the terrorists. He said early indications were that the bombings were the result of "international terrorism centered on Islamic fundamentalism."

Israeli and US officials said that exiled Saudi billionaire Osama bin Laden, who lives in Afghanistan, was one of the main suspects.

Netanyahu said there is no need to convene an international meeting on terror, but cooperation at the diplomatic level and between the security services of various countries should be increased.

CRASH

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"I would avoid the statement that 'every week a plane crashes.' Our air force is one of the best in the world and so are its pilots and ground crews. I wouldn't read anything into this other than each accident on its own."

Meanwhile, senior IDF officials said that the July 27 crash of an IAF F-4 Skyhawk in the West Bank during a training mission was the result of "age."

A flight instructor and pilot safely ejected in that crash.

It came a week after an F-16 hit an electricity cable, knocking down a pylon and cutting the power to Eilat. That plane managed to get

back to base safely and the IAF said it was not damaged.

The air force, however, does not publicize all of its mishaps. It traditionally notifies the US and the aircraft manufacturer of any accidents, but air force sources said this did not necessarily include those in which there were no injuries.

On March 15, a Cobra attack helicopter crashed, killing two airmen, including a brigadier-general. On March 3, an F-15 flying low over the West Bank in a routine training run hit an antenna above Mt. Eval and crashed into the mountainside, killing the two crewmen.

On June 9, an F-15 mistakenly released two cement-filled training bombs in the Negev, which hit no injuries.

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Arafat's cabinet overwhelmingly approved

Palestinian analysts: Vote signals end of legislature as independent body

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian legislators approved Yasser Arafat's new cabinet by a wide margin yesterday, ending two days of sharp debate over a motion of confidence in the 28-member body that retained members accused of graft and mismanagement.

The Palestinian Legislative Council, dominated by Arafat's Fatah faction, voted 55-28 to approve the cabinet. Three members abstained.

Virtually all of the ministers are also PLC members.

PLC members and Palestinian analysts said the vote signaled the end of the legislature as an independent body. "The legislative council voted against itself," analyst Zakaria Qaq said. "The new cabinet makes a few individuals happy and angers a nation."

"Giving a vote of confidence to this government has legalized corruption," said PLC member Husam Khader, who voted against the cabinet. "This is a dramatic end to a great political institution. I feel very let down."

Palestinian sources who monitored the voting and positions of the legislators said Arafat did not twist arms to obtain a majority. They said he was assured a majority by the large number of ministers chosen from the PLC.

That left no more than 18 mem-

bers of the council, heavily-dominated by Fatah, to vote with the government.

"Many of the members who expressed doubts or even pledged to vote against the government ended up supporting the cabinet," a Palestinian analyst said. "There was a lot of hypocrisy in the proceedings."

The vote appears to end the year-long PLC demand that Arafat appoint a cabinet that will ensure clean government. The demand came after a PLC report that found extensive abuses in all government ministries and recommended that Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi, and Transportation Minister Ali Qawasme be prosecuted for graft.

The report followed a government audit that found nearly half the PA's \$800 million annual budget had been wasted through corruption and mismanagement.

In the new cabinet, Shaath, Tarifi, and Qawasme retained their positions. In addition, a key member of the PLC Comptrollers Committee, which drafted the report, Saadi Krunz, was appointed industry minister.

Krunz, like other PLC critics appointed to the cabinet, said he is hopeful of change. "There is a group in this cabinet who had headed important committees in the legislative council," he said. "We opposed all of the mistakes of the executive authority and now

we will struggle to correct the way."

Hanan Ashrawi, who together with Abdel Jawad Saleh quit last week in protest of their new positions in the cabinet reshuffle, said Arafat apparently understood the message of the large number of members who voted against the new government.

"This government has to face the serious expectations of the people," she said. "The Palestinian people as a whole are the real issue. They don't want to see political games being played. They don't want to see personal agendas. They want to see a national agenda and to see both an executive and legislative branch that is receptive to their rights and needs."

PA Secretary-General Tayeb Abdul Rahim, who represented Arafat at the PLC session, pledged that the new cabinet will be more receptive to the legislature — pointing to the inclusion of ministers whose responsibility will be to coordinate with the executive branch. Abdul Rahim said the addition of 10 new ministers will not cost the PA more money.

"The president had followed your frank discussions during the last three days," he said. "The president asserts clearly, and absolutely, that there will be neither new employees, nor additional budgets, nor additional bonus salaries."



Deputy Speaker Rawhi Fatouh (left) counts hands yesterday as members of the Palestinian Legislative Council vote in Ramallah to approve Yasser Arafat's new cabinet. (AP)

Fatah website calls for Israel's destruction

By STEVE RODAN

As Israel negotiates with the Palestinians to change their covenant, an Internet website of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement has released a constitution that calls for the destruction of Israel.

The Fatah organization website [www.fatah.org] does not distinguish between Israel and the territories captured in the 1967 Six Day War. The constitution calls the Zionist movement "racial, colonial and aggressive in ideology, goals, organization and method. The Israeli existence in Palestine is a Zionist invasion with a colonial expansive base, and it is a natural ally to colonialism and international imperialism."

"Liberating Palestine and protecting its holy places is an Arab, religious and human obligation," it says.

Article 12 of the constitution lists the goal of the Fatah movement as "complete liberation of Palestine and eradication of Zionist economic, political, military and cultural existence." The constitution says: "armed public revolution is the inevitable method for liberating Palestine."

"Armed struggle," the constitution reads, "is a strategy and not a tactic, and the Palestinian Arab people's armed revolution is a decisive factor in the liberation fight and in uprooting the Zionist existence and this struggle will not cease unless the Zionist state is demolished and Palestine is completely liberated."

The constitution does not mention the Oslo Accords, supported by Fatah, but says it opposes any "political solution offered as an alternative to demolishing the Zionist occupation in Palestine."

Fatah spokespeople, who attended a swearing-in ceremony in Gaza last night for Arafat's new cabinet, could not be reached for comment. In the past, however, Fatah officials have dismissed statements calling for the destruction of Israel as mere rhetoric.

Israeli officials said they were stunned by the Fatah web site.

David Bar-Ilan, director of policy planning for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, called the constitution "in some ways worse than the Palestinian covenant. This is as clear an indication as any that the PLO has not abandoned its intention to destroy the State of Israel," he said.

Russian envoy pledges help to stop Shihab-3

By STEVE RODAN and LIAT COLLINS

Russian national security adviser Gen. Andrei Kokoshin yesterday pledged his government's help in stopping the flow of technology to Iran's Shihab-3 program and its efforts to produce nuclear weapons.

Kokoshin met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky and assured them that the government of Boris Yeltsin regards an intermediate range missile program of any country bordering Russia as a threat to its national security. But he denied Israeli and US assertions that Moscow is not doing enough to stop the flow of technology from private and government-aligned Russian companies to Iran.

"The accusations levelled against us are incorrect," Kokoshin said after a meeting with Sharansky in his Jerusalem office. "But if there are problems in this regard we want to solve them. We also have arguments against countries that supply technology to these countries."

Kokoshin said the Russian policy is to prevent the proliferation of non-conventional weapons.

Speaking at the outset of the meeting, Netanyahu repeated his stand that the Iranian development of ballistic missiles with conventional and non-conventional warheads "is a direct threat to Israel and other countries."

During the closed part of their meeting, the two apparently discussed ways of cooperating in preventing technology, materials, and knowhow from reaching Iran.

Netanyahu apparently said the Russian authorities "should act tenfold" in the fields of monitoring, enforcement, and punishment.

"We think we should upgrade the efforts to prevent the seepage of deadly technology to such regimes as Iran, because we believe that the interests of everyone is at stake," he told reporters.

"The interests of Israel and Russia and everyone

interested in peace and stability in our region. [Everyone should] be concerned that both Iraq and Iran are developing ballistic missiles and non-conventional weapons. Therefore we have to intensify our efforts and achieve better results. It's a fact that Iran launched a successful missile test which means they're advancing. We must stop that advance."

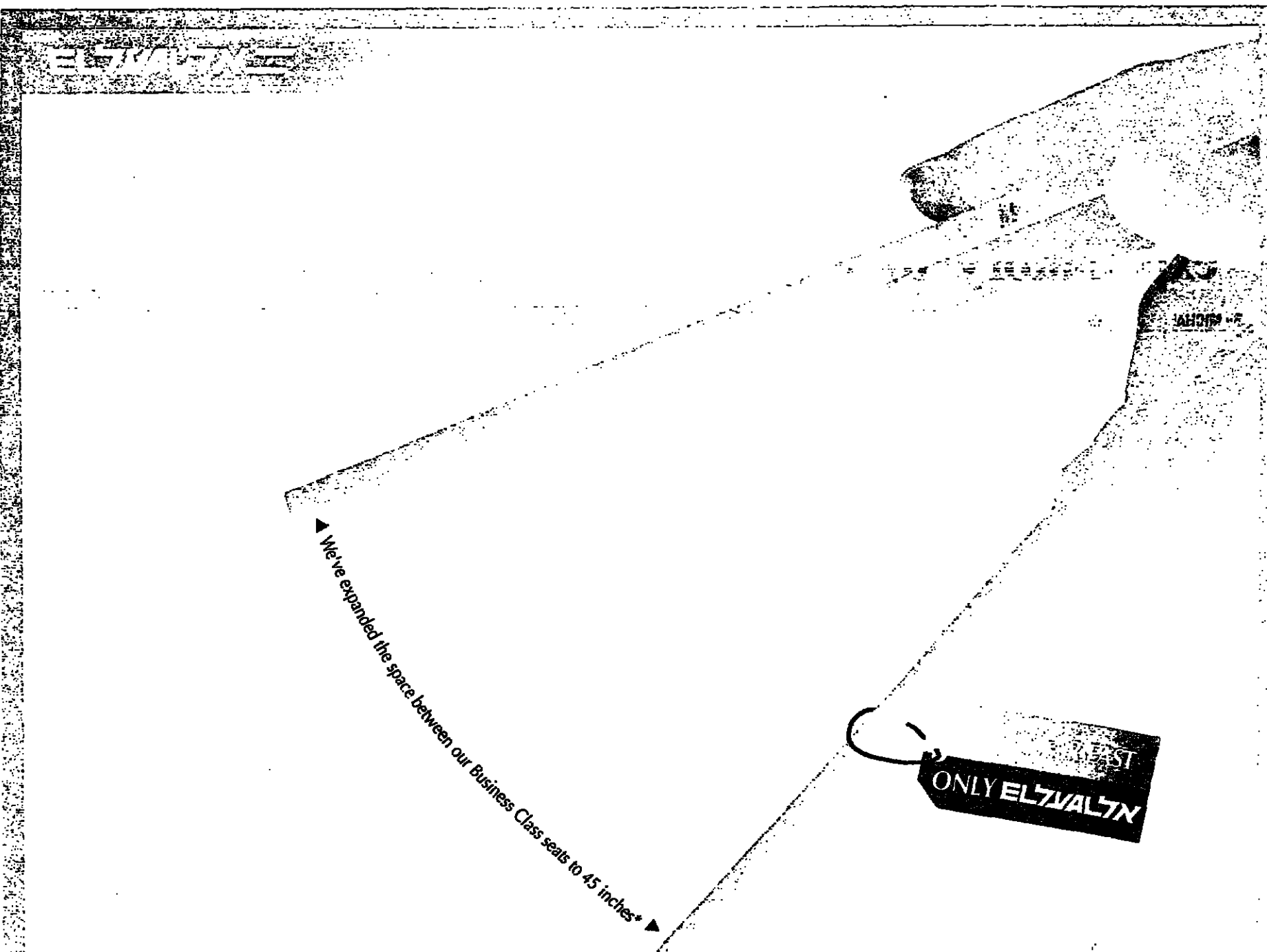
During his meeting with Sharansky, their third, Kokoshin said Moscow is being singled out for the flow of Russian technology to Iran, while such countries as Germany, France, China, the US, and Japan are ignored.

"Unfortunately, these issues are very grave and we have to deal with them in a very professional way," Kokoshin said.

"I know that there is a serious attitude to these issues in Israel and I hope we will engage in a serious dialogue."



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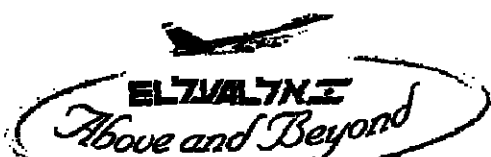
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PM's Office: New archbishop linked to hostile elements

The Vatican's choice for the new Greek Catholic archbishop in the Galilee is linked to virulent anti-Israel elements, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's spokesman Aviv Bushinsky said yesterday.

Bushinsky said Israel still hopes to persuade the Vatican to change its mind about the appointment of Archbishop Butros Muallem, who he said was "linked to Syrian intelligence, to Archbishop Hilarion Cappucci, and to Farouk Kaddoumi." Kaddoumi is a senior

PLO official opposed to the Oslo Accords.

The Syrian-born Capucci was convicted in the 1970s of smuggling arms to Palestinian guerrillas. He was released after the intervention of the Vatican and deported.

Jerusalem considered denying Muallem, a Palestinian refugee now serving as a bishop in Brazil, entry to Israel, Bushinsky said, but backed down due to protests from the Vatican.

"However we have not yet given

up, and we are trying to persuade the Vatican to reconsider its decision," he told the Associated Press.

The Vatican has responded sharply to Israel's attempts to influence the appointment, issuing a statement last week noting that it has the right to name bishops without outside interference.

Israel is not claiming the right to interfere in church appointments, Bushinsky said, "but we do have the right to protect Israel's inter-

ests, and we are concerned that Muallem would be a cause of ferment." The Greek Catholic community is the largest Christian community in Israel and the archbishop is its highest-ranking regional authority.

Israeli reports said Netanyahu had made it clear to leaders of the Greek Catholic church and the Vatican that he wants Emil Shufani, a bishop considered friendly to the Israeli government, for the post.

(AP)

Catholics plant more crosses at Auschwitz

Jerusalem Post Staff and AP

Defying Israel's calls for the removal of dozens of crosses from outside the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, Roman Catholic faithful erected five new crosses at the disputed site over the weekend.

Meanwhile, in a heightening of protests, the directors of the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority - Yad Vashem officially demanded yesterday that the Polish authorities immediately remove the crosses.

A letter from Yad Vashem direc-

tors to Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski and other leaders termed the erection of crosses at Auschwitz a "provocative act" and a violation of the agreement reached between international bodies "according to which no religious, ideological or political symbols would be erected on site."

The placing of new crosses, after special efforts have been made to reduce tensions may aggravate the situation and prevent further dialogue between all sides about the future of the site," the letter said.

Ordinary Catholics have vowed

to erect 152 crosses at the site to commemorate each of the Poles executed there by the Nazis. Over the weekend, they added five more ranging in size from 1 to 4 meters to a field of more than 90 crosses.

Catholic faithful are multiplying the number of crosses outside the camp to protest efforts to remove a larger, eight-meter cross that has stood just meters from the camp's wall since 1988. The cross was the backdrop to a 1979 papal mass, and later was moved to the site, at the time a Carmelite nunnery, to commemorate Polish martyrs.

Clalit postpones strike; other health funds cut services

By JUDY SIEGEL

Kupat Holim Clalit workers have postponed their sanctions, scheduled for this morning, until Thursday, even though they haven't received their entire July salaries. Meanwhile, the Meuhedet and Leumit health funds are cutting back on their services in the afternoons, and Maccabi is shutting down its clinics and other services this Friday.

The insurers' huge deficits, due to the NIS 650 million owed to them by the Treasury and uncompensated costs of the basket of health services, have caused financial problems in all the health funds. The Finance and Health ministries are, meanwhile, locked in a stalemate over what to do to resolve the situation.

The union of Kupat Holim Clalit workers decided not to initiate a reduced Shabbat schedule in all its hospitals and community clinics today, after receiving a request for postponement from Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz and Clalit management.

The health fund's 30,000 staffers have received only three-quarters of their July salaries. The union said that if they don't get their full wages by Thursday, they will apply the sanctions.

Union chief Prosper Ben-Hani called on Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu to intervene immediately in the health crisis and help the insurers, which have accumulated large debts to the banks, to get the money the government owes them. Clalit doctors were not scheduled to take part in the sanctions, but they may join their colleagues later.

Meuhedet clinics will provide no medical care from noon to 4 p.m. until further notice, and twice a week, no doctors will be available in clinics in the afternoon. Payment for fertility treatments to produce a second child will be halted, unless approved by a special committee.

Leumit will close its community clinics on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, starting next Sunday, and on other days, they will be open only between noon and 4 p.m. The health fund said it regrets that it has to reduce services because of the government's policy of squeezing the insurers.

On Friday, Maccabi will close all its clinics, and its independent doctors will not receive patients; urgent medical care stations listed in Maccabi advertisements will offer emergency care, along with hospital emergency rooms. The health fund will decide later this week how to cut other services beyond that, a spokeswoman said.

Immigrant soldiers honored at IDF ceremony

By GIL HOFFMAN

The IDF and the Absorption Ministry sponsored a ceremony yesterday in Tel Aviv's Yad Elyahu Stadium to honor the close to 8,000 new immigrants in the IDF.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, IDF Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz and thousands of soldiers participated in the ceremony.

According to 1997 IDF statistics, 7,891 new immigrants are serving in the IDF, including 5,739 from the former Soviet Union and 1,499 from Ethiopia.

The number of officers that are new immigrants has risen to 900, from 300 six years ago.

The ceremony was held to thank the soldiers, many of whom came to Israel in order to volunteer in the army.

"One of the roles the IDF has taken upon itself, aside from the task of defending the state of Israel and its residents, is the social integration of its soldiers, who come from all over the world," Edelstein told the soldiers.

Edelstein spoke warmly of the 2,000 soldiers who do not have immediate family members in the country.

The IDF provides them with housing, an increased salary and "surrogate families" who host them on weekends.

The IDF also gives its officers courses about immigration so they will be sensitive to the concerns of new immigrants.



Golani brigade soldiers and recent immigrants (from left) Alon Almogor from Canada, Alina Shelach from Ukraine, and Aaron Groskopf from Canada at a ceremony held at Tel Aviv's Yad Elyahu Stadium to honor the close to 8,000 new immigrants in the IDF. (Israel Sun)

Ramat Hovav to close for maintenance

By LIAT COLLINS

The Ramat Hovav toxic waste dump will not accept hazardous materials for two weeks starting next Sunday while it undergoes annual maintenance work.

The decision was taken by the Ramat Hovav Environment Services Company, which runs the site, and the Environment Ministry after last week's major fire and minor leak.

While the site is closed, factories producing hazardous waste will be asked to store it on their own grounds according to established regulations.

The Knesset Interior and Environment Committee is sched-

uled to visit Ramat Hovav today.

Yesterday, environmental groups in Galilee said they would unite in an effort to combat environmental hazards.

A representative of the united body, Haim Shenhar, said the decision follows several environmental incidents last week, including the leak at sea of toxic material intended for EIL (Futaron) in Acre; the removal of waste from the central region to landfills in the North; and industrial and domestic sewage leaks and dumping.

The group is calling for more and improved environmental legislation; more public participation in planning processes; and a lobby on

environmental issues to work with politicians, the judicial system, and in the municipal elections.

Meanwhile, the Environment Ministry published the results of a crackdown on carbon monoxide emissions from vehicular exhausts.

The ministry's Naftali Cohen, responsible for combating vehicular pollution, said he believes some 40 percent of vehicles deviate from the permitted carbon monoxide emissions.

Out of 1,713 checked this year after the ministry received new equipment, 566 were found to have higher than permitted amounts of carbon monoxide in their exhaust and 123 were borderline.

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State appeals lifting of Sheves ban

If the Supreme Court today lifts the ban on publishing the details surrounding the allegations against former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office Shimon Sheves, then Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein will have no choice but to immediately indict Sheves.

This emerged from the appeal the State Attorney's Office filed with the Supreme Court to an effort to overturn a Jerusalem District Court ruling allowing publication.

In its appeal, filed yesterday afternoon, the State Attorney's Office reiterated that the allegations against Sheves dealt with

security matters that are prone to seriously damage the country's foreign relations.

Earlier in the day, Jerusalem District Court accepted Yedior Aharoni's appeal to allow publication of the classified details of the allegations against Sheves. Judge Ido Habash acceded to a request to delay implementation of the decision to enable the state to file its appeal.

In its appeal, the state said that if the Supreme Court rules in favor of lifting the ban on the first section of the allegations against Sheves, the state will have no choice but to immediately issue an indictment and request a blackout on the pro-



Shimon Sheves (Ilan Hersh)

ceedings so as to protect the public interest.

If the state does issue an indictment, it will preempt Sheves's right for a pre-indictment hearing which he has already announced that he would exercise.

Sheves is suspected of accepting a bribe of NIS 350,000 in an affair involving a foreign country. He is also suspected of having tried to get another \$5 million.

Sheves is also accused of receiving NIS 450,000 in return for promoting a building project and cutting through the red tape usually involved in such projects.

(Tim)

Kahalani: Police cannot protect all neighborhoods

By LIAT COLLINS

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani has repeated his call for civilians to become more involved in protecting their own neighborhoods and said the police could not be made responsible for protecting all localities.

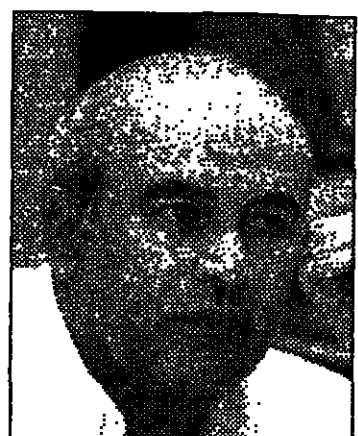
At a meeting of the Knesset Interior Committee discussing the rise in crime, Kahalani said every person should volunteer for the Civil Guard. He criticized other government ministries for not joining in the fight against crime.

"We each need also to protect our own homes, to close windows and doors," Kahalani said, adding that every settlement "must protect itself. The police can't do it."

MK Salah Tarif (Labor), who was not at the meeting, later said Kahalani should resign.

"It's simply scandalous. This is a police minister who does not understand his job. If so many screw-ups were to happen in the army, the officer responsible would be made to resign, and if Kahalani had an ounce of integri-

ty he too would resign. What is his answer to crime? That everyone should get a gun? What are the residents of Givatayim, Tel Aviv,



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (Israel Sun)

and minority communities to do? Kahalani has failed totally," Police Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk complained that some legislation

has made fighting crime more difficult. A bill by Ruby Rivlin (Likud) came under particular fire. It would allow prisoners to be paroled after serving half their sentences instead of two-thirds as is the practice today.

The police has also constantly complained about the recently law severely restricting the amount of time a person can be held without being indicted.

Kahalani said the police force is doing everything possible to combat crime, but it needs a concerted effort by other bodies, including the judicial system and the Labor and Social Affairs and Education ministries. He said their representatives should also discuss the increase in crime with the committee members.

He said the police needs to add another 4,000 officers. Wilk said the changes within the police force would yield results in coming years.

The committee decided to resume the activities of a subcommittee closely monitoring the police.

Judge raps police for lack of judgment, unnecessary remand hearings

About half the suspects brought for remand hearings could have been released at the police station had the supervising officer used proper judgment, according to Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Gila Neval.

Neval, the duty judge for new arrests yesterday, made this remark during the course of releasing a Bar Yarn man on bail - with the concurrence of the police - after he was arrested on suspicion of beating his wife, threatening to murder her, and beating his eight-year-old son.

"In this case, as in a number of previous

cases I have dealt with today, it is not clear to me why - despite the powers of arrest under criminal law - it was so necessary to bring the suspect to court," said Neval. "According to this case file before me... the suspect has no criminal record, no open complaints against him... It was possible regarding [all these] files for the duty officer to use his broad authority. It is self-evident that there is no pretext for such a remand..."

"There is a sense that at least 50 percent of the [remand] requests brought before me so far [today] could have been easily decided upon at

the discretion of the duty police officer."

Neval extended his criticism to cover special police requests for 30-day restraining orders against suspects who have no records. "When we're talking about pinpoint violence within the family, and the suspect has no criminal past and no open files against him, then in general the police request for a 30-day restraining order is not accepted."

"But with great ease," the judge concluded, "the duty officer could have issued a restraining order on his own authority - that is, for up to 15 days - to let things cool off." (Tim)

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UN suspends new arms inspections in Iraq

By HASSAN HAFIDH

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — The UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) has suspended arms inspections of new sites in Iraq after Baghdad's decision to halt cooperation with UN arms inspectors, a UN official said yesterday.

But UNSCOM experts would continue to monitor sites already identified by inspectors looking for evidence of prohibited weapons, Janet Sullivan, special assistant to the director of the UN Baghdad Ongoing Monitoring and Verification Center, told Reuters.

"Inspection in respect of the commission's disarmament responsibility are temporarily suspended," Sullivan said. "In light of the present situation and pending further instructions, inspections are being conducted of the sites in Iraq which are subject to monitoring."

Sullivan identified the sites where UNSCOM monitoring would continue as "sites which are either declared by Iraq or designated by the Special Commission."

Iraq on Wednesday announced that it would suspend its cooperation with UNSCOM — charged with dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction — called for an immediate end to international trade sanctions imposed for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

UNSCOM must certify to the Security Council that Iraq is free from all proscribed weapons before the embargo could be lifted.

UN arms monitors went out for work as usual on Saturday for the third day since Baghdad's decision.

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The monitors operate surveillance cameras installed in sites already identified by UNSCOM as having evidence of prohibited arms.

Iraq's ruling Baath Party newspaper *al-Thawra* said that the row with the UN experts could only be resolved by easing the sweeping sanctions, saying Baghdad would not accept "a piece of sweet given to an angry child."

Thawra also said that UNSCOM is guided by a hostile American policy against Iraq. "It is only an American commission under international cover to create excesses in order to prevent lifting the embargo," it said.

Several hundreds of Sudanese students demonstrated on Saturday outside the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) office in Baghdad, protesting against UNSCOM and the sanctions.

They burned US, British, and Israeli flags and chanted anti-American slogans.

Two British nationals, meanwhile, started a fast and vigil sit-in outside UNSCOM headquarters to protest against the continuation of the sanctions.

The two, Andrea Needham and Milan Rai, said they belonged to Voices in the Wilderness group which is campaigning for ending sanctions on Iraq.

They said the group was simultaneously holding similar sit-ins in front of the UN headquarters in New York and outside the premises of the British government in 10 Downing Street.

Iran says POW exchange obstacle to better ties with Iraq

TEHRAN (AP) — Iran yesterday signaled its willingness to normalize relations with Iraq, but said that exchanging all prisoners from their 1980-88 war must come first.

"Efforts should be made to normalize ties between the two countries, and as a prerequisite the existing hindrances on the way should be identified and removed," said Hassan Rowhani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council.

Iran and Iraq "must strive to release all of the prisoners of war," the official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Rowhani as saying in a meeting with Iraq's outgoing charge d'affaires in Teheran, Salah Nouri Samamrad.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein urged Iran to normalize relations Saturday, saying that any step by Teheran to upgrade ties would be met by "all cooperation... from the Arabs, with Iraq in front."

Last month, Iran claimed Iraq still held nearly 4,000 POWs and accused Baghdad of insincerity in trying to resolve the issue. Iraq and Iran had signed a deal in June to solve the dispute, which has long stood in the way of better ties.

In April, Iran released 5,584 Iraqi POWs and Iraq freed three POWs and 316 Iranians it classified as civil law detainees. It was the largest repatriation of Iranian and Iraqi prisoners since 1990.



Mass ordination

Thai Buddhist nuns pray at the Dhammakya Foundation of Thailand in Pathum Tani, 50 kilometers north of Bangkok. Tens of thousands of Buddhist women have joined a mass ordination to mark the 66th birthday of Queen Sirikit of Thailand. (Reuters)

China blows dikes to divert flooding

BEIJING (AP) — Levees were dynamited along a stretch of the swollen Yangtze River yesterday in an effort to divert floodwaters menacing cities and farmland in central China's Hubei province.

Secondary dikes were blown at 12 a.m. in Jianli County, about 150 kilometers upriver from the industrial center of Wuhan, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. More solid primary dikes farther back from the river remain intact.

Police forced 50,000 residents — many of them "reluctant to move" — out of their homes ahead of the flooding, Xinhua said. The government has promised that residents affected by flood diversions will be compensated for lost property and crops.

Engineers hope the diversion of up to 800 million cubic meters of water into farmland behind the dike will lower the raging Yangtze's water level by 10-25 centimeters, Xinhua reported. If successful, the deliberate flooding at Jianli could remove the need to flood the much larger Jingjiang diversion area farther upriver, where 330,000 people have already been evacuated to high ground.

More than 2,000 people have died nationwide this summer in floods caused by seasonal rains that arrived a month early and fell

much harder than usual. Millions more have been left homeless due to dikes collapsing along many parts of the Yangtze and its tributaries in central and eastern China.

Meanwhile, soldiers and civilian volunteers plugged a major breach in the Yangtze dike at Jiuliang city that burst Friday, the state-owned China Central Television reported. The breach flooded a 4-square-kilometer area of the city, but residents were evacuated and no injuries were reported, Xinhua said.

In South Korea, meanwhile, torrential rains were weakening yesterday after a four-day deluge that left more than 230 people dead or missing, mostly in Seoul and surrounding areas.

The sun came out over Seoul for the first time in four days yesterday after the worst rains to hit the capital in nearly 80 years. The rains were expected to taper off elsewhere in South Korea today, weather officials said.

The death toll from this week's storms reached 165, including 10 South Korean and three US Army soldiers. Another 69 people, all South Koreans, were listed as missing and presumed dead.

More than 82,000 people were driven from their homes, and property damage was estimated at up to \$2 billion.

At Suwon Air Base south of Seoul, an American soldier died after apparently falling into a flooded ditch shortly after midnight, the US military command said in a news release.

In Tangjin, 150 kilometers southwest of Seoul, where up to 32 centimeters fell overnight, six South Korean civilians were killed in two different mud-slides, government officials said. Lightning killed two others in the nearby village of Taean, they said.

Wide parts of Seoul, a city of 12 million, remained flooded yesterday after receiving more than 1 meter of rain in the past four days. In areas near communist North Korea, US and South Korean soldiers were combing valleys and stream beds for 10 tons of artillery shells and 200 anti-personnel land mines swept away in mud-slides and floods.

In Turkey, floods caused by torrential rains along the eastern Black Sea coast killed at least seven people and collapsed scores of houses, the semi-official Anatolia news agency said yesterday.

As many as 32 other people were missing, feared drowned in rushing rainwater in the village of Beskoy, the worst hit area in Saturday's flooding, where some 50 one-story houses, a mosque, and a school collapsed, Anatolia said.

Moscow airplane hijacking ends peacefully

By JUDITH INGRAM

MOSCOW (AP) — An airplane hijacking ended peacefully at a Moscow airport yesterday after a four-hour standoff between security forces and the anonymous author of a note who demanded \$100,000 and threatened to blow up the plane.

No ransom was paid. No bomb was found. Neither was the perpetrator.

The incident began while an East Line TU-154 was en route to Moscow from the Siberian city of Tyumen, about 2,400 km. to the east.

Crew members came across a threatening note in the business section and passed it to the pilots, officials said. According to the ITAR-Tass news agency, the note warned that "there is a bomb on board. We will detonate it if we are not given 621,000 rubles. We need the money in Moscow."

The note instructed authorities to place the money in five bags in the airplane's bathroom. It also demanded an onward flight to another country, officials said.

After the plane landed at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport, police and special forces in armored personnel carriers and officials from the Federal Security Service — the main successor to the KGB — were deployed on the tarmac. But there was no one for them to negotiate with, since none of the 97 passengers owned up to writing the ransom note.

First women and children were let off the plane. Once the security forces determined that no one on board was carrying a weapon, the 70 male passengers were taken inside the terminal for questioning and all the luggage was searched. Handwritten samples were being analyzed, ITAR-Tass reported.

Since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, airport security has deteriorated, particularly at regional airports. There have been a number of hijackings on domestic flights, but in most cases the hijacker has surrendered following negotiations with authorities.

Families of switched babies meet for 1st time

BUENA VISTA, Virginia (AP) — Relatives of two children apparently switched at birth three years ago have met face-to-face for the first time, the pastor for one of the families said.

Paula Johnson met with Larry and Rosa Chittum on Friday afternoon near Charlottesville, said the Chittums' pastor, Butch Grow. Each side reassured the other that they are not interested in seeking custody of the child currently being raised by the other, Grow said Saturday.

The two three-year-old girls at the center of the case, Callie Marie

Johnson and Rebecca Chittum, did not attend the meeting.

The Chittums are Rebecca's paternal grandparents.

"They talked, and Paula Johnson said she did not want to hurt them by taking Rebecca," said Grow, who spoke with the Chittums about the meeting. "Nor did they want to hurt her by taking Callie."

The baby switch was discovered last month when genetic tests on Callie Marie showed that Ms. Johnson was not her biological mother. Officials at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, where the children

were born, believe Rebecca is the other baby sent home with the wrong parents.

Rebecca's grandparents, who live in Buena Vista, have been caring for her since July 4, when her parents, Whitney Rogers and Kevin Chittum, died in a car crash.

Rebecca's maternal grandparents, who could not attend the Friday meeting because of a scheduling conflict, met with Johnson on Saturday at a church in Staunton. "We looked at a few pictures and talked old times," said Tommy Rogers, the toddler's grandfather.

Eighteen foreign activists held in Yangon

By CHRIS JOHNSON

BANGKOK (Reuters) — Eighteen foreign activists were detained in Yangon yesterday after handing out leaflets calling on the people of Myanmar to remember a massacre of opposition supporters 10 years ago, witnesses said.

Thousands of red leaflets in Burmese and English were distributed earlier yesterday at eight points in the capital, including the landmark Shwedagon Pagoda, whose massive golden spire dominates the city, witnesses said.

A government statement said those arrested included six Americans and an Australian, as well as Thais, Malaysians, Indonesians, and Philippine citizens.

"Foreigners who were distrib-

ing the pamphlets in downtown Yangon were reported to the police by citizens and taken to the police stations for questioning and they are being detained while the investigation continues," it said.

Pro-democracy supporters handing out the leaflets said they were from the Alternative ASEA (Association of South East Asian Nations) Network (ALTSEAN), a group supporting Myanmar's democracy movement in neighboring Asian countries.

The leaflets referred to 8888 — August 8, 1988 — which was the start of an uprising of pro-democracy activists calling for democracy and the ending of military rule. Soldiers opened fire on a demonstration on the steps of Yangon city hall on that day, killing many civilians.

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Beware of Channel 2's 'Fat Guy'

By ELANA CHIPMAN

Veteran journalist and broadcaster Yaron London will be back on your TV screens sooner than you might have hoped. The first episode of his new documentary series, *The Fat Guy with the Sony*, produced for Channel 2's Keshet franchise, airs tonight at 11:05.

London, who directed the series, spent the past year traveling around the country shooting various places. The opening theme, written by London, is "Motherland be ready, for the fat guy with the Sony is coming to see you."

"Beware" might be a better way to put it, since "The fat guy is there to distort your image and patronize you" is more like it.

The opening episode takes place in Ashdod, a wonderful subject for a documentary. The Mediterranean port city is, we're told, one of the fastest growing and most rapidly changing in the country. Its mainly Sephardi population has rather successfully absorbed a large percentage of the recent Russian immigrant wave and the city has grown in positive ways, apparently without too much control or interference from bureaucrats.

London's premise is that Ashdod is a truly "Israeli" city that reflects much of our society. He might be right, but his portrayal is so vague and badly put together that it is hard to really learn anything at all from it.

The episode's saving grace is found in its two central figures, Alberto Assayag, a Moroccan fishmonger, and his wife Orit, a Russian doctor. There is a truly romantic love story and they tell it very fetchingly.

Orit came into Alberto's store to buy fish and he fell in love with her. Orit, who turned to religion after arriving in Israel with her two children, has even learned how to cook Moroccan style.

The problem is that London was obviously torn between telling a love story and portraying Ashdod. The other characters in the episode are relegated to the background, when they could probably illuminate the realities of Ashdod much better than the Assayags. Jojo Abouloul, the Ashdod "man on the street" who contributed to the Likud's success in the last elections, makes only the briefest

cameo appearance.

Menahem Galili, a self-made man of Moroccan background, says in the episode's prelude: "I should visit Herzl's grave every week and wash it and say thank you." Given that Galili is the publisher of the local newspaper, more might have been made of the potential insights he could offer.

London, whose most notorious endeavor was last year's monumental and endless series on Israeli sex lives, would do better to return to his infant-interview show *Kindergarten Party*. There, at least, he managed to entice out of his interviewees interesting and moving responses.

In comparison, parts of *The Fat Guy with the Sony*, especially where London lets loose his pompous opinions, are overly long and tiresome and should have been left on the cutting-room floor. It seems that London cannot resist talking down to people. Although he professes to present a true picture of our society, he seems so steeped in his elitist-Ashkenazi, Tel Aviv roots that he cannot deal objectively with other variants of local culture.

The episode on Ashdod is redeemed by the characters it portrays.

The second episode of the series, set in Tel Aviv's ultra-hip Sheinkin Street, is a total waste of time. Although London's professed purpose is to try to "demystify" Sheinkin, what he actually presents is a bewildering series of characters - teenage punk rockers, Habadniks, cafe intellectuals, celebrities, veteran residents and loads of very stylish young people - without any theme or order. Here too, the tone is patronizing and judgmental. The message the viewer is left with is: "Stay away from this pretentious and phony place." Not the image London probably intended to project.

London is an attractive, personable and intelligent guy, but the superstar status awarded him by Channel 2 may be working against him. He is capable of making quality television, but he needs supervision. A good editor could really have done wonders with the show.

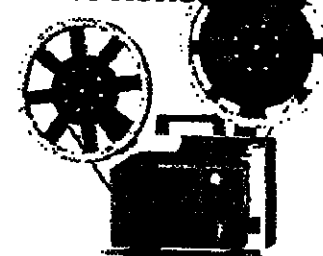
The title itself, *The Fat Guy with the Sony*, rather gives away the fact that the real star of the series is not society, but London himself.



Yaron London spent the past year traveling the country to research his new documentary series.

Double trouble

Movie Review



By Adina Hoffman

The Parent Trap is a remake of the 1961 pubescent classic that starred Hayley Mills as twins separated at birth by divorce and reunited at summer camp.

THE PARENT TRAP

★★

Directed by Nancy Meyers. Screenplay by David Swift, Nancy Meyers and Charles Shyer. Hebrew title: *Aba mitares*. 123 minutes. English dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. General audiences. With Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson and Elaine Hendrix.

When the sisters learn their true identity, they plot to bring their mother and father back together—thereby mending their own severed bond and their parents' broken marriage with a single wave of the Walt Disney wand.

As sugar-coated Hollywood fantasies of familial harmony go, the movie packed a surprising punch. Due both to Mills's appealing dual performance and the muted though distinct sexual spark between co-stars Brian Keith and Maureen O'Hara, the movie managed to conjure more effectively than most commercial American films of the period the charged, cusp-like nature of female adolescence: the girls' desire to have their parents share a bed again seemed linked directly to their own coming of age, mixing as it did naively childish hope with a precocious understanding of adult mating rituals.

Realizing that my own nostalgia for the older picture might cloud my ability to watch the new film with an open mind, I invited a panel of young experts to accompany me to a screening of the revamped *Parent Trap*. Their lukewarm response was telling. "Why?" asked Noa, 13, who had enjoyed the original on video and even read the Erich Kastner book on which the films are based. "Why would they make the same movie again? It's not fair. It's like cheating."

She has a point. Updated in typically superficial fashion by David Swift, Nancy Meyers and Charles Shyer and directed by Meyers, the refitted movie is nothing if not respectful of the 1961 film: a bit of blue nail polish, some hip slang, a reference to Leonardo DiCaprio, a few liberated female characters and the Concorde are added to make the film more "current."

Otherwise, the people and situations are lifted straight from the original, without much in the way of homegrown inspiration.

And if kids like Noa and her brother Boaz, a few weeks shy of his ninth birthday, are any indication, there's absolutely no reason to condescend and assume that contemporary children are only capable of watching movies made in 1998. Both saw the 1961 version and loved it, despite the dated hairdos and music. (Boaz, for the record, admitted his preference for the Hayley Mills version but was still higher on the rehash than were his sister and I. He especially enjoyed the sequence in which the twins scheme to scare off their father's evil fiancée by planting a lizard in her hair. When asked to rate the film, he said: "Five stars. But if you're giving the other movie a score, then it gets five and this gets zero." Rounding out our cinematic tribunal was one dissenting opinion, from Michael, who is six, hasn't seen the original and was happy enough with this late nineties rendering to announce he'd award it an unqualified five stars.)

For all their allegiance to the outline of the 37-year-old movie, Meyers and Shyer, the husband-wife team responsible for the pointless yuppie remake of *Father of the Bride*, the dreadful Tracy-and-Hepburn-esque *I Love Trouble* and *Baby Boom*, among other synthetic mediocrities, have managed to drain the story of its charm. The new film isn't endearing and fresh so much as coy and canned.

Lindsay Lohan, the little redhead who plays the dual lead role here, is a case in point: she is impressive, perhaps too impressive. She's like a test-tube-hatched child star. Freckle-faced and very cute, she's able to shift back and forth ably between English and American accents and she throws herself into the double part as if she were belting a showstopping song in the professional children's school musical. (It's hard to find oneself of the distinct sense that an acting coach and/or pushy stage mother is always close at hand.) As the trapped parents, Dennis Quaid and Natasha Richardson serve as little more than amiable clothes horses.

Ironically enough, the sexual permissiveness that the last four decades have brought to the movies drains the suggestive juice out of their roles: now the tricky dynamic between the two of them and the father's bitchy, gold-digging girlfriend is literal, up front and dull.

Not surprisingly for a movie hell-bent on replicating exactly the fun of an old favorite, the picture feels more deliberate than its predecessor - which was, to be sure, calculating in its own Eisenhower-era way, but still managed to maintain a crucial grain of innocence. The Meyers/Shyer movie, on the other hand, says more about the marketing strategies of a few cynical grown-ups than it does about real children.

Broadway stage no coffee shop for Seinfeld

By JAN STUART

"It's great to be back here, even though I've never been here," said Jerry Seinfeld minutes into his Broadway stand-up debut, *I'm Telling You for the Last Time*.

Despite the self-kidding words, Seinfeld coiled up so confidently to his opening-night audience Wednesday that it seemed as if he had played these streets before.

The Broadhurst Theatre, at least, was thick with an air of deja vu. This may be because his 55-minute act, pruned and shaped for a live HBO broadcast Sunday night, was intended to close the door on his old routines once and for all.

Or perhaps it was because other comic sprinters had made it to Broadway with this stuff first. When Seinfeld insisted he wasn't going to try to figure out

women (then proceeded to break his promise), maybe it was because someone had informed him that Rob Becker had been going down that road for the better part of two years in *Defending the Cavemen*, right across the street.

When he joked about the headless drivers down in the retiree zones of Florida, could he have known that Jackie Mason had spiked that particular ball a couple of years ago just around the corner? No one, of course, owns this well-trod territory. One thing is certain: Stripped of his slick sitcom trappings, shorn of Kramer and company, and removed from his kitchy booth at the coffee shop, Seinfeld was a stand-up comic in the most venerable Borscht Belt/Tonight Show tradition.

In this school of skewed wisdom, you land upon an everyday reality (waiting rooms, little soaps

on airplanes, chopsticks), kick it off with some variation of "One Thing I Love" or "Did You Ever Notice How?" then twist it around in a manner that points up just how sick or bizarre are the things we take for granted.

In this fashion, Seinfeld ponders the weird, seemingly arbitrary pairing of activities that compose an Olympic biathlon, then demonstrates with his arms as he suggests that they try combining swimming and strangling. In this fashion, he registers his indifference to the detailed geographic announcements from airline pilots ("Fine. Just end up where it says on the ticket"), then turns the screw one more time for good measure with a resentful "Do I knock on his door? We're having the peanuts now!"

As stand-ups go, Seinfeld lacks the surreal touch and free-associative lunatic spirit that once upon a



Jerry Seinfeld

time separated Steve Martin and Robert Klein from the pack. What he boasts is quicksilver timing and

a seemingly inexhaustible ability to ferret out the comic potential from the mundane.

Neither of these talents can be overvalued. One need only spend 15 hyperventilating minutes with Kevin Meany, Seinfeld's tired warm-up act ("I lost 40 pounds on the Irish liquid diet: Slim Fast and Baileys Irish Cream"), to appreciate the assured and relaxed manner with which Seinfeld spins his observations.

Skillful as he was, much of what seemed cutting edge in the context of Seinfeld's long-running TV show sounded positively quaint through the lonely vehicle of a microphone. When the 43-year-old comic launches into a riff about how women are always digging for their keys or writing out checks, at least some people may be praying that the title *I'm Telling You This for the Last Time* is not an idle promise. (Newsday)

Brook & Bausch take center stage at Aix opera festival

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Peter Brook and Pina Bausch took center stage at the 50th anniversary Aix-en-Provence music and opera festival.

Brook, too long away from opera, created a new production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. Bausch recreated an older piece she did for her own dance ensemble in a new production of Bartok's *Duke Bluebeard's Castle*. Both productions were performed at the refurbished open-air Archbishop Theater, in which there was a new proscenium set built and in which choreographer Trisha Brown, presented her production of one of the earliest operas - Monteverdi's *Orfeo*.

Brook's *Don Giovanni* was one of the most penetrating productions of the opera I have seen in a long time. Devoid of a director's concept, without stripping the drama out of the music, Brook created the ultimate *Giovanni*, a musical-theater drama in which the words and action enhanced the musical drama, and vice-versa. The stage was almost bare. The singers were in modern-day garb in which one could easily distinguish between upper (Giovanni, Anna, Ottavio) and lower (Leporello, Zerlina, Masetto) classes.

The entire action took place on a sort of a boxing ring center stage, in which the tight relationship between the dramatic personae unfolded and widened in this most

exciting operatic masterpiece. Brook did not come to steal the show, he came to serve Mozart and his librettist Da Ponte the best he could, and succeeded in a most impressive and convincing way. His was a relentless rendition of the opera, in which high sexual drama coincided with the ongoing struggle between the classes and the sexes.

From the opening scene, in which Giovanni and Anna almost literally make it on the stage in mutual agreement and enjoyment, to the pursuing Zerlina and the hesitant but eager Elvira, the women in this production wanted much more than the men could actually offer them.

The singers themselves reveled in the opportunity to sing and play-act the drama without too much "director's interference," and the cast on July 24 (the opera was double cast, as the production is about to go on a lengthy world tour) was one of the best assembled for this opera in recent memory, young and eager singers giving their utmost to the production of the drama.

Most notable in a cast without any weak link were Monica Colonna as the ailing Anna, Veronique Gens as the all-too-eager and ever pursuing Elvira, the Ottavio of Kenneth Tarver, whose crystal clear tenor vainly tried to soothe, and Nicola Ulivieri as a very down-to-earth Leporello.

In the pit, Claudio Abbado, undoubtedly one of the greatest conductors of our generation, drew

magic from the Mahler Chamber Orchestra. Like Brook, Abbado also did not try to interpret Mozart, but rather tried to go with him.

The orchestra played in style, yet in total baroque fashion, which worked perfectly well, and Abbado helped intensify the drama and characterize the major figures in it. He almost never allowed for the audience to applaud within each act, with aria and recitative flowing naturally from and to each other in a never-ending emotional and musical intensified drama that brought opera all the charm it has been missing in more than a few conventional and less conventional productions recently.

While the *Giovanni* was greeted with unequivocal enthusiasm by the audience, Bausch's dance-opera-theater-film version of Bartok's two-character opera received a mixture of heavy boos and wide applause on opening night (July 25).

Bausch is one of the greatest dance-theater choreographers of our generation, but it takes courage to present an opera in which the dance seems to be the most powerful element of the production and genius to do that in a most captivating and convincing way. This story of repressed love and so-called redeeming sacrificial spicade was sung with exceptional clarity, intensity, supreme musicianship and mesmerizing power by Violetta Urmana and Laszlo Polgar.

But they were not alone on stage,

as is customary in this opus. Bausch's dancers created four more ailing and agonizing couples who expressed their emotional upheaval in wordless movement, and more often than not their movement even covered the superb Mahler Youth Orchestra, who played superbly under the baton of Pierre Boulez.

The nonconformist French maestro, who once proclaimed that opera is dead, no doubt reveled in this new form of a total work of art in which the various mediums and media collaborated in a most intriguing way.

This 60-minute production was a very evocative presentation in which opera was served to its very best by the other muses. It was a combination of Bartok, Bausch and Boulez through which each emerged triumphant individually, and above all as a cohesive artistic team.

In the smaller open-air stage in Aix, David Stern led a most evocative production of Britten's church parable *Curlew River* and of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, the latter featuring young and upcoming Israeli mezzo-soprano Rinat Shaham in the role of the queen who loses her love and her life.

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Meddling that misfired

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu prides himself as having expertise in the realm of foreign policy, even though his only government post before becoming prime minister was deputy foreign minister during the Shamir government. It should not have taken extensive foreign policy experience, however, to realize that heavy-handed meddling in a Vatican appointment would backfire.

The dispute arose over an appointment to replace retiring Greek Orthodox Archbishop Maximus Salam, leader of Israel's largest Christian community.

Last July, an election was held among the bishops of the region in Beirut, and Bishop Emil Shufani of Nazareth was recommended to the Vatican as Salam's replacement.

Shufani is the principal of the largest Israeli-Arab high school and was the choice of the Christian Arab community. Israel - consistent with its advocacy of democracy among the Palestinians and elsewhere in the region - would not have interfered with the choice. In fact it was the Palestinian Authority, after Shufani was chosen at both the local and the regional level, which decided to weigh in with the Vatican to block the appointment.

In this, the PA was successful and its candidate for the post, Bishop Butros Muallem, a Palestinian exile who has served in Brazil for the past 40 years, won the Vatican's confirmation last week.

Israel has reason to be upset about the Muallem appointment on two counts.

First, it was clearly the result of influence from the PA, even though the authority of the Greek Orthodox archbishop extends only over Israeli Arabs, not Palestinians. Second, the Vatican reportedly chose Muallem at the urging of some of the most anti-Israel forces - such as anti-OSLO PLO leader Farouk Khadumi and former Jerusalem Archbishop Hilariou Capucci. Capucci, it should not be forgotten, was convicted by Israel of gun-running in the 1970s and served two years in prison here before being deported as a result of Vatican intervention.

It certainly makes sense for Israel to protest such an appointment, particularly when Israel is taking the side of the local leadership against foreign and hostile elements. But Netanyahu decided, over Foreign Ministry objections, to go a step further and threatened - although he later backed down - to deny Muallem an entry visa. Such a measure is normally taken to block the

entry of individuals deemed dangerous to the state's security - not to settle scores on differences over an appointment.

With a single stroke, the supposedly PR-savvy Netanyahu transformed a situation in which the PA was illegitimately imposing its will on local Israeli Arabs into an international dispute with the Vatican.

According to Israel's 1993 Fundamental Agreement with the Vatican, Israel does not have the right to dictate appointments of religious leaders. But even without such an agreement, denying a Vatican appointment is an extreme measure taken only by countries associated with religious persecution - such as China and Vietnam.

It would be ironic if, by acting in such an extreme fashion, Israel were to be saddled with the charge of religious persecution, just when the PA is increasingly guilty of the real thing.

According to a number of reports, the PA is waging a campaign of intimidation and harassment against former Moslems who have converted to Christianity. Christian Arabs, particularly from evangelical congregations, report being arrested and beaten by PA security forces, and their businesses set ablaze.

A report issued by the Israeli government last year pointed to a "massive wave" of Christian emigration from PA-controlled areas, as a result of the pervasive campaign of harassment that has been tolerated, if not encouraged, by the PA.

Though it was the PA and the Vatican which can most fairly be accused of politicizing the choice of archbishop, now it is Israel that appears to be forcing its choice on the local population. Further, now that Israel has come out so strongly in favor of Shufani and against Muallem, Israeli-Arabs will likely be forced to drop their support for Shufani or look like stooges of the Israeli government.

It is a shame that, at the very moment in which Israeli rescue teams have created such local pride and international goodwill by rushing to the aid of American Embassy bombing victims in Kenya and Tanzania, that unnecessary Israeli heavy-handedness would make the Vatican and the PA look good.

In a rush to save lives, evidently, Israel's energy, inventiveness, and lack of subtlety work to our advantage and earn the admiration of the world. In diplomacy, however, a bit more deliberation would serve us better, even when we are right.

Final status

YOSEF GOELL

Ariel Sharon's last-ditch opposition to including parts of the Judean Desert in the 13 percent redeployment has highlighted the profound conflict between the two different Israeli approaches to the eventual division of the country between us and the Palestinians.

The initial withdrawal from most of the Gaza Strip and the Jericho enclave was a painful wrench to those devoted to the vision of the Greater Land of Israel, under which all the territories captured in the Six Day War would eventually be incorporated into Israel.

The facile assumption of the Oslo architects was that mutual confidence between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples would be built up in the interim, and would eventually enable their political leaders to agree to risky compromises in the final-status talks of 1999, compromises they were understandably leery of agreeing to in 1993.

This assumption may have been reasonable in 1993; in 1998 it

The alternative to not proceeding immediately to final status is the collapse of the entire process

The consternation and rage of this camp grew as a Labor-led Israel continued the withdrawal from the major Palestinian cities in the West Bank, and as the Netanyahu government, after prolonged kvetching, withdrew from Hebron.

Most Israelis, whose approach to the entire process set off by Oslo is pragmatic and security-oriented - as opposed to messianic - were overjoyed to get rid of Gaza and the other festering Palestinian cities, including Hebron. But this same majority is also opposed to any final settlement with the Palestinians that would push Israel back to the untenable June 1967 borders.

So far, there has been little indication that this large pragmatic majority understands the crucial importance of not giving up the Judean Desert. To them, this area seems to be just a piece of uninhabitable desert that would appear to be a cheap alternative to ceding settlements.

In the original Oslo Accords, the late Yitzhak Rabin made it absolutely clear there would be no negotiations for ceding settle-

ments before final-status talks began. The assumption was that any talk of abandoning any settlement was too hot a political potato to handle.

The Palestinians have been incapable of bringing themselves to amend their charter, whose clauses call for Israel's violent destruction; worse yet, they have been unable, or unwilling, to provide any persuasive evidence of effectively fighting the continuing anti-Israeli terrorism from their own midst.

And the assumption that pumping in well over a billion dollars in foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority would lead to an impressive rise in the standard of living of most Palestinians, has also proven false.

The vast majority of Palestinians in the territories vacated by Israel, with the exception of a small number of fat cats who are the beneficiaries of the corrupt Arafat regime, are infinitely worse off today than they were under Israeli occupation.

BUT the fact that the diplomatic assumption - that it would be easier to work out a final deal in stages rather than in one fell swoop - has

Dry Bones



proven false, does not necessarily have to spell an end to the entire process. The response to the obvious failure of the incremental approach would be to advance to final-status talks immediately.

Advancing to final status while skipping over the second and third redeployments is something Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has tried to bring about. It has elicited total opposition from a suspicious Yasser Arafat and no backing from the US.

It should be clear to both, however, that the logical alternative to not proceeding immediately to final status, especially at a time of a paralyzed US presidency, is the collapse of the entire process between Israel and the Palestinians.

Which brings us back to the Judean Desert and its alternatives. Giving up now any part of the

Judean Desert means giving it up forever, with very serious security implications. A persuasive alternative step for Israel towards bringing Arafat to final status would be to implement the present redeployment by consciously ceding one or more sparsely populated Israeli settlements - such as Yitzhar, for example - in the Palestinian heartland.

Netanyahu would admittedly have to pay a high domestic political price for such a concession. But his readiness to run such a risk could elicit a Palestinian quid pro quo of finally amending the Palestinian Charter and of agreeing to proceed immediately with final-status talks.

If Arafat failed to respond to such a Netanyahu overture, Israel would be fully justified in putting a halt to the entire process.

The Iranian threat reconsidered

EFFRAIM INBAR

Practically the whole national security community, and the political establishment, are engaged in warnings about the dire consequences of the Iranian test of a middle-range ballistic missile (Shihab-3) which, if fully developed, could put the entire State of Israel within its range. There are good reasons to worry about the long-range impact of the recent test, but hysterical reactions are not beneficial to Israel's security.

Iranian missiles armed with a conventional warhead can cause only limited damage. Moreover, such a threat is not new to Israel. We survived the Iraqi missile attacks in the winter of 1991, and have, for years, been within the range of much more accurate Syrian missiles. As long as Iran has not armed its long-range missile force-in-development with weapons of mass destruction (especially nuclear warheads), little harm awaits us. Teheran is still a few years away from a nuclear device.

We should also remember that Iran's vital strategic interests lie in its immediate neighborhood. Despite its deplorable rhetoric and material support to organizations such as Hizbullah and Hamas, Iran's main foreign policy concerns revolve around Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf sheikhdoms, Central Asia, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Indian subcontinent is much closer to Iran's borders than the

eastern coast of the Mediterranean. Israel is neither first nor second on the list of Iran's foes. Even the most fervent Islamic radicals refer to us as only a small Satan.

Moreover, it is unwise to portray Iran as Israel's arch-enemy - for this only reinforces the stereotypes propagated by the radical mullahs. Although it is too early to conclude that the Islamic revolution is over, there are signs of growing realism in the domestic arena, as well as a possible change in the course of Iranian foreign policy, such as the signs of Iran's recent cautious edging towards the US.

The geopolitical elements in the equation could, once again, bring Iran closer to Israel: Iraq will soon break out of the straitjacket regime imposed in 1991 by the US and its allies, which included economic sanctions and intrusive arms control measures. This would enable the ascendance of Iraqi power and hegemonic ambitions which are inimical to Iranian interests.

Such an Iraq would be undoubtedly courted, *inter alia*, by a Russia with a Primakov prism to Mideastern international affairs. A more assertive Russia in Central Asia, one more aligned with the radical Arab regimes of the Middle East, could elicit the his-

torical Persian fears of Russian imperialism.

We should also not forget that in Persian history, the Arabs were considered the enemy. Indeed, most of the Arab world supported Saddam's Iraq in the long war (1980-88) against Iran. Therefore, under certain circumstances, Iran could again align with the US and its regional allies, Turkey and Israel.

Hysterical statements about missile threats facing Israel meanwhile, erode Israel's deterrence. It shows a loss of nerve and projects weakness in a region where a facade of strength and resolution is needed.

We must also realize Israel cannot do much to stop the transfer of sensitive technologies to hostile countries. The noise we make about Iranian missiles is largely pointless. The best for which we can aspire is the slowing down of the acquisition of critical know-how from abroad or its indigenous development.

SOME observers toy with the idea that arms control could prevent the introduction of weapons of mass destruction into the Middle East. Yet, a concerted comprehensive international effort to curb the progress of dangerous weapon programs in Iran or elsewhere is not in the cards.

A strategy therefore that relies on the building of an effective and verifiable arms-control regime is an exercise in self-delusion. Such a foolproof arms-control regime does not exist and could not be devised in a Hobbesian world. Half-way measures are usually worthless in the absence of a benign political environment, whose mere existence makes arms control superfluous.

Thus, we face the inevitable proliferation in Iran of the know-how to produce weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear warheads, and the means of carrying them to great distances.

While hoping that this process will occur later rather than sooner, we should courageously prepare ourselves now for living in an exacerbated world. Israel must behave in such a manner that does not exacerbate conflict, for example with Iran, while strengthening its deterrence and enhancing the country's offensive capabilities to deal with potential threats.

This takes more than just courage. It needs clear strategic thinking and a society prepared to pay the cost of a high-stakes conflict.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNJUST REWARDS

Sir, - In 1997, the German courts decreed that the Jews who had worked in the Lodz Ghetto and had survived the war were entitled to social security. While we lived in Hamburg, Germany, the Germans arrested, incarcerated, and murdered my father - and shortly thereafter, in October 1941 - my mother, sister, and I were deported to the Lodz Ghetto.

My mother died of starvation there, and my sister was one of 20,000 children to have been rounded up, "deported," and never heard from again. Upon the liquidation of the ghetto, I became a slave laborer, or prisoner, in various camps: Auschwitz, Neuengamme, and Bergen Belsen. I am the only one in my family that survived the war.

With the above background in

mind, I applied for social security in 1997 and went to Germany in 1998 to pursue the matter further. I worked in the ghetto under threat of death by starvation or deportation as a clerk in several offices, and in a factory that made leather holsters for the Germans.

At that time, I was between 16 and 19 years of age. Thus, 36 months of my life were spent under agonizing duress. When the Germans processed my application, I learned to my dismay that I would receive DM 170.00 or \$80.00 a month, including for the time I had worked as a housemaid in Hamburg.

Why, I wondered, was it so low? Upon inquiry, I was told that I had been "just a clerk" and held a low position. Had I been the director of a factory, I would have received

more money. Startled by this criterion, and that this was the best the German government could offer after more than 50 years, I could not help but ask: "Do the former Wehrmacht and SS get social security too?" "Of course not!" replied the official. "They get a high pension as civil servants."

Needless to say, as a matter of principle I am appealing a ruling that makes me less entitled to social security than my former oppressors. I urge those few of us who survived - wherever we may be - to protest the appalling cynicism of this inequity. We may not succeed, but we ought to be heard.

LUCILLE EICHENGREN

Kensington, CA.

UNFORTUNATE VILIFICATION

Sir, - I look forward to reading Jonathan Rosenblum's column every Friday - it affords a fascinating window into an otherwise inaccessible bared world. However, I was bitterly disappointed with the column on the weekend before Tisha Be'av ("Happy Tisha Be'av," July 31).

Since, according to tradition, the Second Temple was destroyed because of *sinat hinam* (baseless hatred, discord and disunity among our people), The counter-measure for Tisha Be'av is considered to be *ahavat hinam* (limitless love).

I had expected Rosenblum to write his column in that spirit, calling for unity and brotherly love among our people, regardless of faction or political affiliation. I expected to hear demands for unqualified love for all Jews, even

those who dare think differently. Instead, we were subjected to yet another vilification of the Reform movement, further deepening the splits that divide us. Surely Jonathan Rosenblum can do better than this. He seems to have entirely missed the point of Tisha Be'av.

LISA AMITAI

Kibbutz Merav.

GUARD YOUR TONGUE

Sir, There is no punishment to fit the derogatory remarks of Ori Orr. No explanation or apologies can undo the damage.

One of the basic Jewish tenets is "guard your tongue." According to the bible, Miriam, the sister of Moses, was punished for a

derogatory remark. Of course there is freedom of speech, but with freedom comes responsibility. Israelis, especially those in high positions, talk too much. Everybody is too ready to be first to "leak" a secret. Egos are too big for many people in power.

I hope this will be a lesson to all who have too long and too loose a tongue. Think before you speak. It's safer to keep one's mouth shut.

GOLDA BODIK

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On August 10, 1933, *The Palestine Post* continued to report in great detail on the continuing trial of Abraham Stavsky and others accused of murdering Dr. Chaim Arlosoroff and on the evidence given in the witness box by Mrs. Arlosoroff.

50 years ago: On August 10, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported

that during the visit of mediator Count Bernadotte in Jerusalem Egyptian troops attacked Ramat Rahel while sniping continued all day at Abu Tor and on Mount Zion in direct violation of the ceasefire. Arab States made no decision regarding Israel's peace offer, the Arab League announced.

1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said that our strength is a bar to the hostilities and when Arabs are ready to negotiate we must aspire to exchange military cease-fire lines for permanent borders, even at a cost of a compromise and concession.

Alexander Zvielli

Taking Stock

Forget Which Came First. What Comes Next?



By EDWARD WYATT

NEARLY two years ago, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan made a few cautionary comments about the economy and uttered an ominous warning about "irrational exuberance" among stock market investors. Investors were jolted upright for a few days, then shrugged, and stock prices soared even higher in the months afterward.

Last month, Mr. Greenspan gave a surprisingly upbeat report on the economy and suggested that stock prices did not appear out of line with the current good times. Almost immediately, investors grew wary, and stock prices beat a retreat that quickened considerably last week.

Which, among rational souls, raises perplexing questions. Does the stock market's performance have anything to do with the outlook for the economy? Can the economy be helped or hindered by the performance of the stock market? And, above all, which comes first: a

strong economy or a bull market? Recession or crash?

The mystifying nature of that chicken-or-egg quandary is no longer solely a topic in ivory towers. Down in the barnyard, the groundlings know that they are expected to play a big part in determining the future of the stock market.

And last week, on cue, individual investors reacted to the market's swoon with predictable bleatings about buying opportunities and impending rebounds.

Bouncing Back

"Individual investors believe they have learned that the market, like Joe Palooka, always bounces back," said Ira Kaminow, an economist and president of Capital Insights Group, a Washington, D.C. consulting firm. One day the market will not bounce back, however, and a sustained decline will lead to a drop in consumer spending, now a key source of fuel for the economy.

"I think it would take a fairly substantial and persistent decline, one lasting six to nine months, for their

enthusiasm and optimism to begin to wane," Mr. Kaminow said.

When the downturn comes, the effect might be more pronounced than it was during the boom.

"On the way up, the stock market's gains did not boost spending as much as people had expected," said Anthony Chan, chief economist at Banc One Investment Advisors, based in Columbus, Ohio. "For every \$1 of capital gains, we've seen consumer spending rise by about 3 cents."

But if the black ink on investors' mutual fund account statements starts turning to red, he said, "for every \$1 in losses we'll see a decline in consumption of 4 to 4.5 cents."

Clearly, the performance of the stock market influences whether individuals spend money, and thus affects the nation's economy. The savings rate has fallen to historic lows in recent months not because people believe that they do not need to put away a few dollars for retirement. Rather, they have grown to believe they can put away some loose change, then wait for the ever-rising

stock market to turn that into dollars.

With the rest of their money — some of which they would otherwise be saving — individuals feel free to buy new cars, take more exotic vacations, finish paneling the basement or likewise spend on frills that they would have ignored.

That spending creates demand for goods, causing factories to hire workers to assemble automobiles, staff hotels and churn out linoleum. Sales of their products and services create greater profits for those companies; higher earnings help to boost the companies' stock prices, resulting in greater returns for Mr. and Ms. Spendthrift's mutual funds. The virtuous circle starts anew.

The rising tide, moreover, lifts even the heaviest boats. The gains that average Americans reap from their investments result in more tax dollars for Federal and state coffers. Budget surpluses, in turn, lead to calls for lower taxes and even greater optimism among individual investors. But the stock market can also work against the

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When Too Much Isn't Enough

All Monica, All the Time: A Viewers' Guide

By JILL ABRAMSON

ASSUMING his usual role defending and defending President Clinton on television, Lanny J. Davis looked a bit weary last Wednesday night on MSNBC's "The News With Brian Williams." He was spun out.

On Tuesday night, he had been interviewed by MSNBC's Keith Olbermann and by CNBC's Geraldo Rivera. On Wednesday morning, he had answered the call of CNN.

Now, on Mr. Williams's show, he was

sparring with the conservative pundit Laura Ingraham, who was once more grinding her heel into Bill Clinton, lambasting "the O. J. Presidency." Mr. Davis, a former special counsel for the Clinton White House, could only muster a muted response, protesting the attack as "entirely unfair."

Marathon Babble

It's been a They-Shoot-Lawyers-Don't-They? marathon for viewers of the legal analysts who fog up the TV screens with talk about the Monica S. Lewinsky investigation. With the drama peaking as Ms. Lewinsky met the grand jury, the babble about trans-

actional immunity, obstruction and executive privilege grew even more feverish. The usual suspects were lined up like shuttles at the Washington airport on a Friday night.

Mr. Davis interrupted a business trip to make a round of appearances because, he said, he felt an obligation to "defend President Clinton and bring some balance to some of the coverage." Mr. Davis returned to Patton Boggs & Blow, one of the biggest law and lobbying firms in Washington, earlier this year. But he said he checks in with the White House for the latest public information before he goes on television.

Knowing their nightly star turns might end after the Monica case fades, the pundits are

making the most of every moment — even if it means interrupting vacations. Stuart Taylor Jr., legal affairs writer for The National Journal, agreed to let a crew from MSNBC interview him on Cape Cod. Bugs were swarming around Mr. Taylor, who was outdoors. "I was trying not to swat at them while I was on camera," he said.

Sympathy Plea

The gaggle of legal analysts appearing on all-Monica-all-the-time cable news shows has grown because, despite polls showing a lack of public concern about the investigation, ratings still soar for moments like Linda

Tripp's courthouse plea for sympathy.

The phenomenon exploded with the O. J. Simpson case, which made CNN's Greta Van Susteren, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. and most of the lawyers on both sides TV stars, and has escalated with the President's legal travails. Like Ms. Van Susteren, many of the Simpson pundits have permutated into Clinton pundits, notwithstanding any lack of political expertise.

In the Simpson case, the commentators were usually former prosecutors or criminal defense attorneys with no particular stake in the outcome. In the Lewinsky case, the affil-

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Congo Catches Rwanda's Disease

By HOWARD W. FRENCH

FOR anyone setting out to write a history of recent strife in Central Africa, few opening lines could be more tempting these days than: In the beginning there was Rwanda.

The former Zaire, now again known as Congo, has certainly figured more in the news in the last two years as the continent's most graphic study in strife. It has seen the fall of its longtime dictator, Mobutu Sese Seko, and the rise of his conqueror, Laurent Kabila, at the head of a stunningly successful African foreign legion.

As if jealous of its notoriety, Congo even staged a news comeback last week with a reprise of the very kind of rebellion Mr. Kabila led two years ago, with the difference that this time Mr. Kabila was the intended target.

But if Congo, this continent's third largest country, has been the scene of most of Central Africa's recent dramas, a primary actor has been operating barely off stage in each of them: minority-ruled Rwanda, one of the continent's smallest nations. Repeatedly, it has intervened to pursue its self-defined interests in a sphere that seems to include a quarter of the continent.

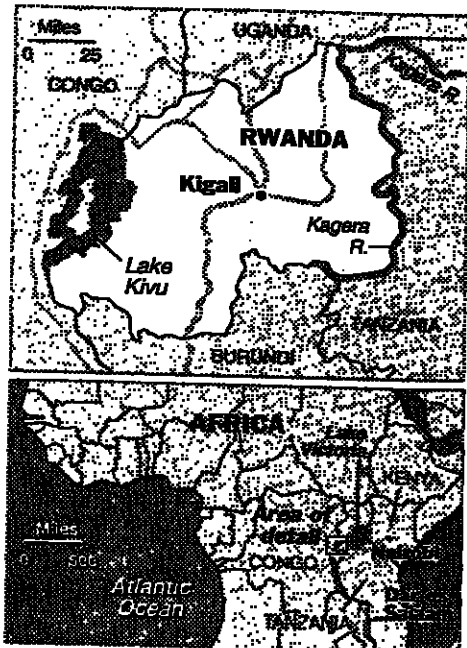
Commenting on the Congo crisis on the BBC, Philip Reyntjens, a Belgian expert in Central African affairs, recently explained that the country's renewed troubles result from two unresolved problems: the legal status of eastern Congo's so-called Banyamulenge population, and Rwanda's own festering conflict between its large and disenfranchised Hutu majority and the Tutsi regime that seized power in the midst of a campaign of genocide aimed against its people in 1994.

Turmoil Migrates Too

The Banyamulenge are relatively recent arrivals in Congo, most of them having migrated from Rwanda one to three generations ago; considering that fact, it is no longer hard to imagine that Congo's recent crises are, to a large degree, expressions of tiny Rwanda's own intractable problems.

With its lush, hilly countryside, where the next village seems to begin as soon as the last has ended, no country in Africa is as densely populated as Rwanda. And when the long-poisoned relations between the Hutu (85 percent of the population) and Tutsi (15 percent) boil over in violence, as they have repeatedly and on a terrible scale, Rwanda's less crowded neighbors typically pay the price.

The unwritten rule of these dramas, with their death tolls routinely running into the



A tiny well of hatreds is poisoning the giant land next door.

hundreds of thousands, is that the region's sickest countries — the poorest and least well governed — bear the brunt.

For a long time, following a massive exodus of Tutsi from Rwanda after a series of massacres in the early 1990s, that burden was carried by neighboring Uganda, which by the 1970s had become the sick man of the region.

During his own rise to power at the head of a guerrilla insurgency, Uganda's President, Yoweri K. Museveni, recruited as many as a quarter of his fighters from his country's large Tutsi immigrant population, many of whom were fixated on revenge for Hutu attacks that had driven them into exile.

Then, shortly after winning power in 1986, Mr. Museveni began to back Tutsi efforts to overthrow the Hutu-led Government in Rwanda by force — in part to repay a debt to people who had fought at his side, and in part so as not to be forever saddled with a large group of foreign exiles whose presence was arousing resentment.

After years of up and down struggle, the Uganda-based Tutsi fighters triumphed in 1994, capturing the Rwandan capital of Kigali in a lightning offensive and restoring Tutsi



In 1997, Hutu evacuees were transported through a village by train after overcrowding led to 91 deaths in a Zairian refugee camp.

authority over the country.

The circumstances of their victory could hardly have been more tragic, however. The final Tutsi assault on the capital came amid one of the century's worst bouts of ethnic cleansing, in which Hutu militias waged a machete-wielding extermination campaign against ordinary Tutsi. At least half a million people were killed.

Fleeing the scene of their crime, as many as two million Hutu then left Rwanda, and most settled in the region's newest basket case: Mr. Mobutu's Zaire.

Although few saw it at the time, from that moment the history of the Congo came to be dominated by the problems of its vastly smaller neighbor, Rwanda.

The presence of huge refugee communities quickly upset an already delicate ethnic balance in eastern Zaire, helping revive local resentment of anyone seen as Rwandan, especially the so-called Banyamulenge.

From their sprawling refugee camps where the United Nations fed them, the Hutu exiles began attacking their homeland, waging hit-and-run attacks on army posts and butchering innocent civilians. Their apparent aim was to make Rwanda ungovernable for the Tutsi.

Rwanda, using as a pretext a regional governor's threat to strip the Banyamulenge residents of eastern Zaire of their Zairian

citizenship, mounted a scarcely concealed invasion of its western neighbor aimed at cleaning out the Hutu refugee camps.

Mortar attacks near Goma and Bukavu quickly sent at least 200,000 Hutu refugees, including genocidal militiamen hiding among them, fleeing westward. Another 700,000 Hutu returned home on foot, preferring to take their chances in Rwanda. As it pursued the Hutu into the Zairian bush, Rwanda scrambled to hammer together a coalition of anti-Mobutu forces in the region who could serve as a front for their invasion.

From that point, the story of how Zaire became Congo is none other than the story of how Rwanda pursued its civil war in neighboring territory. As Rwandan-led insurgents chased Hutu refugees across Zaire, the crumbling of Mr. Mobutu's large national army surprised all involved.

A Quick Rise

Suddenly, as the Rwandan-led "rebellion" swept Zaire, Mr. Kabila, the Rwandan-selected front man for the invasion, went from being an obscure and inconsequential Mobutu opponent to President-in-waiting.

International impatience with Mr. Mobutu, who had been promising a transition to democracy for five years, and a deep streak of sympathy for Rwanda's Tutsi over the

recent genocide, preempted most criticism of the Rwandan invasion.

If the outside world failed to get upset about Rwanda's Zairian adventure, in recent months Rwanda itself began to show signs of disgust at the outcome. Perhaps in anticipation of promised elections, President Kabila had begun to weed out prominent Tutsi, who have come to be as resented in Congo as they once were in Uganda, from his inner circle.

Even more seriously from Rwanda's perspective, Mr. Kabila has proven unable to stop raids from eastern Congo by Hutu insurgents that have turned much of western Rwanda into a killing ground.

Now fighting for its survival against another Rwandan-led uprising in Congo, Mr. Kabila's Government has complained bitterly that the international community has become blind in its sympathy with Rwanda. Because of the 1994 genocide, Congolese officials say, the world tolerates adventures by Rwanda in Central Africa that would be seen as outrageous almost anywhere else.

"It may be hard to work up much sympathy for Kabila, given that he allowed himself to be installed by the Rwandans," said one Central African diplomat. "But what we are all realizing is that over the long term there is going to be trouble in our region until the problems of Rwanda itself can be sorted out. And almost no one seems to focus on that."

Fidel Without Fear

An Old Star Loses His Punch Lines

By LARRY ROHTER

THE high point of Fidel Castro's state visit to this 133-square-mile "Spice Isle" last week was the speech he delivered at Tanteen, a cricket field flanked by a simple grandstand and a stack of cargo containers. As a couple of thousand people listened patiently and the occasional dog ambled across the grounds, the Cuban leader lectured Grenadians for an hour and a half on the history of slavery in the West Indies and assorted other topics.

Since coming to power nearly 40 years ago, Mr. Castro has used all the world as his stage, but he seems to be playing smaller houses these days. Leslie Pierre, editor of the leading newspaper in this country of 100,000 people, the weekly Grenadian Voice, intended it as a compliment when he called the Cuban president "a Caribbean man." Yet that designation also implies that Mr. Castro and his message matter little these days outside a region that itself seems increasingly on the fringe of world events.

The Melody Lingers

Treated in recent years as a dotty old uncle in most capitals, even those of Latin America where his calls for revolution once resonated, Mr. Castro found himself saluted here by Prime Minister Keith Mitchell as an historical figure "who can only be compared in the 20th Century to Nelson Mandela." He was also serenaded with a rousing version of the "Internationale."

But the atmosphere was festive rather than threatening. Without the Soviet Union to back it up, the Communist anthem has lost its ability to frighten the capitalist world. So, too, Mr. Castro.

A decade and a half ago, the Reagan Administration's fear of Mr. Castro and his seemingly unlimited ability to make mischief generated a bonanza of aid and attention for the newly independent English-speaking states in the Caribbean. Even as the other islands were being promised preferential trade benefits as part of a



Fidel Castro, on a Caribbean tour, speaking in Kingston, Jamaica.

regional Caribbean Basin Initiative, some 6,000 American troops invaded Grenada in October 1983 to expel Cuban forces, and Washington followed that up with a promise to bring Grenada into the circle of preferred treatment.

The 1990's, in contrast, have seen the Clinton Administration close down its regional aid office, downgrade the embassy here to a mission and slash aid, grants and scholarships. While Cuba, itself economically prostrate, cannot make up for that gap, Mr. Mitchell and his regional colleagues

America's knee no longer jerks when Castro pokes.

have seized on Cuba's own need for friends in hopes of creating a countervailing weight to Washington's indifference.

Whether such a strategy will work is another matter. "In a post-cold war world, this region unfortunately is no longer relevant" to the great powers, one diplomat in the region said. Caribbean leaders may see Mr. Castro as a useful card to play to get Washington's attention, "but I'm not sure even that is true," the diplomat added. "Cuba wants to be headmaster of the Caribbean family, but since it is a Soviet proxy no longer, the United States really doesn't worry about it."

During the heyday of Cuba's alliance with Grenada, Mr. Castro aimed high, agreeing to build an airport that could be used to bring in tourists — and to refuel Cuban planes ferrying troops to and from Africa. This time around, what he was offering seemed modest, even innocuous, reflecting straitened circumstances in both countries: a new wing on a hospital here and 22 additional scholarships for Grenadians to study at Cuban universities.

For Cuba, the principal benefit of such aid efforts today is not that they advance a geopolitical strategy. Rather, it is that they provide employment for Cuban doctors, engineers and teachers who would otherwise be idle at home or seeking jobs as hotel doormen or taxi drivers.

Perhaps the most telling moment of Mr. Castro's visit, however, came when Grenada's Education Minister, Lawrence Joseph, acknowledged during a meeting that one thing is always certain when local students get scholarships to Cuba. Unlike those who enroll in Britain, Canada or the United States, they always return home just as soon as their studies are done.

Forget First. What's Next?

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economy, quickly turning the virtuous circle into a vicious cycle.

The trigger can be anything — Asian tremors, the unraveling of a merger, a border skirmish. Often, traders sell first, leaving the questions for later.

When capital gains turn into capital losses, government revenues dry up, as does spending by consumers, as does hiring by companies.

Alan Greenspan recently pointed out that the Japanese had a similar experience. Revenues were pouring into the Government during the bubble economy, then when things turned bad, the deluge turned into a drought.

"In that respect," Mr. Kaminow said, "the Japanese might be seven to nine years ahead of where we are."

In the United States over just the last three and a half years, sharp gains in the stock market have produced substantial profits for most people in their mutual funds. Those profits have been maintained even as many individual stocks have suffered big declines.

In each year since the beginning of 1995, investors have poured a record amount of money into mutual funds that invest in American stocks, and the total in the first six months of 1998 is ahead of last year's pace.

Weighting those \$600 billion of investments by the stock-market levels at which they were made shows that Americans have aggregated profits of 45 percent over that three-and-a-half year span. Clearly, it would take a much sharper decline than last week's to get their attention.

"I don't think the current stock market decline is enough to drag consumption growth down to recessionary levels," said Mr. Chan said on Thursday. "Before we get there, we'll need to see employment growth slowing down."

On Friday, the Labor Department reported that the United States economy added jobs in July

at the slowest pace in more than two years. Weakness in the manufacturing sector could easily be traced to the General Motors strike, but service companies, like those in the financial industry, also slowed. The stock market responded by moving higher.

A market downturn could give a sharp and sudden jolt to employment, however.

The boom in the securities market has spawned rapid growth not only in the financial services industry but also in the innumerable pilot fish that swim alongside — more mutual fund salesclerks, more real estate agents selling apartments to bonus-toting brokers, more deliverymen bringing sandwiches to late-night dealmakers.

Some day, paper profits may come home to roost.

"If the equity market doesn't continue to do very well, the first areas you'll see it in is the Northeast," particularly New York City, Mr. Chan said. "The market has driven real estate prices in New York. The luxury sectors will start to slow. And at some point it will spill over into Main Street."

So, what is the likelihood that the current weakness will morph into a brutish downturn anytime soon? "It's a non-trivial probability," said Mr. Kaminow. "But less than 50-50. I'm more optimistic than pessimistic, but compared to a year ago, I can see the dangers more easily."

As for Alan Greenspan, he is undoubtedly happy that investors are heeding his words, said Mr. Chan. "The entire Federal Reserve is probably dancing in the street after seeing that some of the air was let out of the market."

The World

A Scorecard on Terrorist Attacks

Hours after the deadly car bombings at the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania Friday, President Clinton vowed to hunt down those responsible. But history suggests it can take a very long time. When terrorists take aim at Americans abroad, the perpetrators are rarely identified with any certainty and seldom caught or punished. Almost always because of the complications of joint investigations with foreign countries. This time American officials hoped for better cooperation in what the State

Department described as the first nearly simultaneous terrorist attacks in separate countries. The bombs, apparently in vehicles parked outside the embassies, killed more than 60 in Nairobi, including eight Americans. Another 1,100 people were injured. At least nine people were killed in Dar es Salaam, none American, and scores were injured. The Khobar Towers bombing in June 1996 is a grim example of the difficulties of solving a case: A truck bomb detonated at an apartment building in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 American airmen. The second

anniversary of that attack passed two months ago with American authorities expressing exasperation over their inability to identify those involved, and admitting privately that the investigation had collapsed because of disputes with Saudi investigators. The following is a review of the Federal Government's progress in some of the major terrorist attacks against Americans in the 1980s and 1990s.

DAVID JOHNSTON and PHILIP SHENON

DATE April 1983

EVENT U.S. Embassy in Beirut is bombed.

DEATH TOLL 16 killed.

SUSPECTS Elements of the Lebanese Party of God, the militant Iranian- and Syrian-backed terrorist group, led by Imad Mugniyah.

STATUS No arrests or convictions. Many of the terrorists involved in the plot are believed to be living in Lebanon. The F.B.I. nearly captures Mr. Mugniyah in 1995 after the bureau learns that he is aboard a commercial jet that is scheduled to make a stopover in Saudi Arabia. At the last minute, the Saudis refuse to allow the plane to land, and it goes on to Beirut. The United States protests to the Saudis.



Searching the ruins of the U.S. Marine Headquarters in Beirut in 1983.

DATE October 1983

EVENT U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut is bombed.

DEATH TOLL 241.

SUSPECTS Elements of Lebanese Party of God led by Imad Mugniyah.

STATUS No arrests or convictions.

DATE June 1985

EVENT TWA Flight 847 is hijacked en route from Athens to Rome and forced to land in Beirut.

DEATH TOLL One.

SUSPECTS Lebanese Party of God.

STATUS No arrests or convictions.



Terrorist in the cockpit of a hijacked TWA flight from Athens to Rome in 1985.

Stethem, who is shot, his body dumped on the airport tarmac in Beirut.

SUSPECTS Elements of Party of God, led by Imad Mugniyah.

STATUS No arrests or convictions in American courts. Charges brought against four people, including Mugniyah, in a sealed indictment in the United States. One of the hijackers, Mohammed Ali Hamadi, is arrested on terrorist charges in Germany in 1987 and convicted there for Stethem's murder. He is sentenced to life in prison. Germany refuses American requests for extradition.

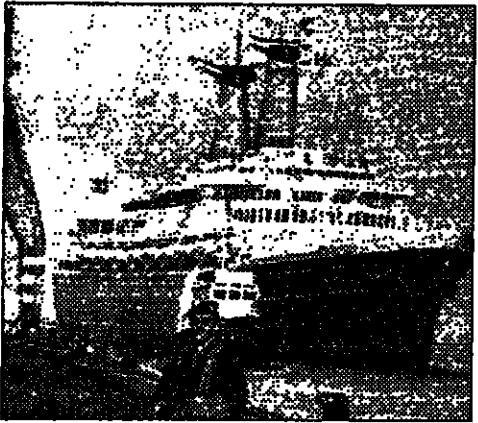
DATE October 1985

EVENT Four gunmen hijack Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro off the Egyptian Coast.

DEATH TOLL One, Leon Klinghoffer, a 69-year-old disabled American tourist is killed, his body dumped into the sea.

SUSPECTS The Palestine Liberation Front, allied at times with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

STATUS No arrests or convictions in American courts. After the hijackers give up the ship and depart Egypt by air, their plane is intercepted by Navy fighters over the Mediterranean and forced down in Italy. The four hijackers are convicted by Italy in 1986 but two escape from prison. One, Magid al-Molgi, who confesses to killing Mr. Klinghoffer, is caught and returned to prison. The man identified as the mastermind of the hijacking, Abdul Abbas, is released by Italy despite Washington's pleas



The Achille Lauro arriving at Ashdod in Israel after being hijacked by P.L.O. terrorists in 1985.

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that he be held for trial. Last seen in 1996 in Gaza, where he attends a meeting of the Palestine National Council.

DATE November 1985

EVENT Egypt Air Flight 648 is hijacked on a flight from Athens to Cairo and lands in Malta.

DEATH TOLL Two. The hijackers kill two passengers — an American and an Israeli — before Egyptian police raid the plane. Fifty-eight others die in the raid.

DEATH TOLL 60.

SUSPECTS Palestinian hijackers say they are members of a group called Egypt's Revolution, but Abu Nidal's Arab Revolutionary Command issues statement taking responsibility.

STATUS Only one of the hijackers, Mohammed Ali Rezaq, survives the raid. After an 11-year diplomatic struggle, Mr. Rezaq is captured by the F.B.I. in Nigeria in 1986 and brought to the United States for trial. He is convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

DATE April 1986

EVENT West Berlin night club popular among American troops is bombed.

DEATH TOLL Three, two of them American soldiers.

SUSPECTS A Libyan diplomat, two Palestinians and two Germans are on trial in Germany for the attack. German prosecutors say they were acting on orders from Libyan intelligence. As a result of attack, President Reagan orders air strike on Libya.

STATUS No arrests or convictions in American courts.



Police guarding a TWA Boeing 727 after it landed in Athens following an explosion.

DATE April 1986

EVENT Bomb explodes aboard a T.W.A. jet en route from Rome to Athens.

DEATH TOLL Four American passengers, including an 18-month-old infant, who were sucked out of the plane at 10,000 feet.

SUSPECTS Mohammed Rashid, a Palestinian terrorist, and other members of the Iraqi-backed May 15 organization, named after the date of Israel's founding.

STATUS Rashid is captured in Greece in 1988 and convicted there on terrorism charges. Released in 1996 for good behavior and travels to Egypt. In June, F.B.I. agents apprehend Rashid in Egypt and bring him to the United States for trial in connection with 1982 bombing of Pan Am jet in which a Japanese citizen is killed.

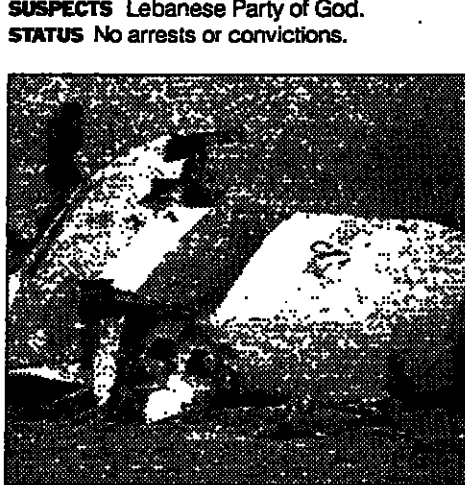
DATE February 1988

EVENT Marine Lieut. Col. William R. Higgins, a member of the U.N. peacekeeping force, is kidnapped and executed in southern Lebanon.

DEATH TOLL One.

SUSPECTS Lebanese Party of God.

STATUS No arrests or convictions.



Part of the wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103 which was blown up over Scotland.

DATE December 1988

EVENT Pan Am 103 is destroyed by bomb over Lockerbie, Scotland.

DEATH TOLL 270, including 11 people on the ground.

SUSPECTS Libyan intelligence agents.

STATUS No arrests or convictions. American and British investigators locate a fingernail sized piece of a bomb timer, tracing it through its manufacturers to two Libyan intelligence officers, Abdel Basset Al Megrahi and Lamen

A Conservative Surge Surprises

In England With the Anglicans in Full Cry

By GUSTAV NIEBUHR

BEFORE the world's Anglican bishops wrapped up their once-a-decade gathering yesterday, they offered a glimpse of what Christianity may well look like in the next century from a global perspective.

It was a vision that was multicultural and, at times, decidedly conservative — enough to make some of the prelates of the Episcopal Church in the United States and the Church of England appear as marginal players in a landscape their institutions once dominated.

The Lambeth Conference, which was last held in 1988, was rich in racial and ethnic diversity, with participants from churches in 160 different nations, and began July 18 with a worship service in Canterbury Cathedral, the seat of the Archbishop, who is considered the "unifying figure" of the 73 million-member Anglican Communion.

The bishops discussed such issues as international poverty and pollution, but they seemed to speak loudest on questions of sexual ethics and the authority of Scripture. Their tone, said R. William Franklin, dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University, made this "the most conservative conference of the 20th century," among the Lambeth gatherings.

If anyone needed evidence of that conservatism, it came Wednesday when the approximately 750 bishops settled in to tackle an advisory resolution on human sexuality. Its original text, written in committee, affirmed a traditional position on marriage as the lifelong union of a man and a woman. It also condemned homophobia.

But when the document was brought before the whole conference, socially conservative bishops toughened its language with amendments, one calling for abstinence from any sex outside marriage, another pointedly rejecting homosexual activity as "incompatible with Scripture." Those who took the lead in this process were mainly from the churches of Africa and Asia.

"It allows us to uphold biblical teaching, especially biblical morality," said Archbishop Donald Metzger of Tanzania, speaking for the amendment against homosexual activity. "A Nigerian bishop was more blunt: 'To accept homosexuality in our church is for Anglicans to commit evangelical suicide.'"

Their emphatic approach seemed to take liberal bishops by surprise, leaving them out-organized and out-talked. In the Episcopal



About 750 Anglican bishops attended the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England. Participants at the opening service.

pal Church, by contrast, conservatives had failed to block some bishops from ordaining gay men and lesbians as priests.

After two hours of debate, the amended resolution was passed.

The story here had partly to do with numbers. At the 1988 gathering, Anglican leaders proclaimed the next 10 years as a "decade of evangelism." The results were spread unevenly, to say the least. The churches in Africa and Asia grew, while those in England and North America did not. In fact, American membership fell. This time, 228 African bishops who were heads of dioceses came to the conference, up from 130 in 1988.

Such growth in Africa and South Asia is a major trend within Christianity. "This is

still news for most of the Christian population in the United States of America," said Dean Gilliland, a professor of contextual theology and African studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. "They don't know the center of gravity has moved from the West."

In Africa, where the faith has been growing fastest, there are an estimated 27 million Anglicans, more than 10 times the number of Episcopalians in the United States. To take another example, African Lutherans increased from 5.7 million to 9 million since 1981, surpassing the total membership of Lutheran denominations in North America.

But numbers do not tell the whole story. Many of the African and Asian churches exist in societies where Christianity is a

minority faith, often confronted by antagonistic religious competitors, such as militant Islamic groups, or overtly hostile secular governments.

"It's not unlike the experience that formed John Paul II," Dr. Franklin said, referring to the Pope's formative years as priest and later a bishop under a Communist regime in Poland that regarded the Catholic Church as a threat.

Leaders forged in such environments, Dr. Franklin said, often espouse a "Christianity of clarity" that has little room for ambiguity and is suspicious of accommodating the surrounding culture. They may take "a harder line, a more authoritative line in Scripture and morals," he added.

Among the bishops supporting the amend-

ed resolution, which is nonbinding, were those who said they were concerned about how any perceived wavering on homosexuality would be regarded in their own countries.

Bishop Alexander Malik of Lahore, Pakistan, said after the meeting that a statement rejecting homosexuality would help him respond to verbal challenges to his faith from some Muslims. "They say, 'What kind of ethics and morality are you preaching?'" he said.

Conservative bishops from the United States, England and Australia were pleased about the stand on homosexuality. But those who disagreed were left to ponder their

The Canterbury gathering wanted evangelism. Now its new majority condemns gay sex.

place in an Anglican Communion whose ground seemed to have shifted beneath them.

Bishop Frederick H. Borsch of Los Angeles issued a statement saying he was disappointed with the resolution, noting that gay men and lesbians "are still very much a part of us." But he also said, in a response that sorted out priorities, that he looked forward to the conference "going on to deal with critical matters" like outreach to young people and help for the poor. Another prelate, Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane of Cape Town, South Africa, said that at the heart of the communion's differences are people who interpret the Bible differently, with some looking to it for an explicit moral code and others for a broad revelation of God's purposes.

Bishop Ndungane said he subscribed to a historic view of Anglicanism, in which respect for Scripture, tradition and reason allowed the member churches a certain latitude in their practices.

"I would not want to characterize this as a split between north and south," he said. "What has been characteristic here has been our differences and oneness. The struggle and pain has been to live creatively within the differences."

The Nation

Campaign Finance: The Lateral Pass

Now that the Federal budget is actually in balance, there is probably no subject on which Congress has legislated with more short-term success but less long-term impact than campaign finance.

Just last Thursday the House passed the Shays-Meehan bill, which sought to outlaw the huge, unregulated soft money contributions at the heart of the 1996 election scandals, and to curb the soft money advocacy advertisements by which outside groups set the agenda for elections. The vote was an impressive 252 to 179.

But in February the Senate killed a companion bill on a filibuster. Fifty-two senators backed the bill, but that was eight too few to cut off debate. And the House stalled long enough to let the Senate get out of

town before sending the bill across the Capitol. So prospects are dim this year.

If no bill becomes law, that will hardly be unusual. Campaign finance bills have been passed eight times in the last 20 years, but sometimes it's just the Senate that does it, sometimes it's just the House, and sometimes they both pass a bill but don't work out even the most trivial differences.

Some skeptics detect a lack of Congressional will here, remembering that in 1992 House Speaker Thomas S. Foley only got a bill passed by assuring wavering Democrats that President Bush would veto it. But of course they doubted that Congress wanted to balance the budget, too.

ADAM CLYMER



96TH CONGRESS (1979-80)

SENATE No action.

HOUSE Passed bill limiting contributions to congressional candidates from political action committees (PAC's) to \$70,000 in an election cycle.

99TH CONGRESS (1985-86)

SENATE Passed a Democratic proposal limiting the amount that PAC's could give congressional candidates: \$100,000 for House candidates and between \$175,000 and \$750,000 for Senate candidates, depending on the population of their states. But this measure and a Republican plan to prohibit PAC contributions to national political parties were adopted as amendments to an unrelated bill dealing with low-level radioactive waste. The bill never passed.

HOUSE No action.

100TH CONGRESS (1987-88)

SENATE Failed to break a Republican filibuster on legislation that set voluntary spending limits for Senate candidates, reduced costs for broadcasting rates and

campaign mailings for candidates who abided by the limits and restricted contributions from PAC's.

HOUSE No action.

101ST CONGRESS (1989-90)

SENATE Passed a bill that included voluntary spending limits for Senate elections with incentives such as discounted broadcast rates and reduced postage for campaign mailings as well as public funding for a candidate whose opponent broke the spending limit. Banned contributions from PAC's.

HOUSE Passed a bill that included voluntary spending limits that included incentives for compliance but did not include public funding. Limited campaign contributions from PAC's.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE Never met to iron out the differences.

102ND CONGRESS (1991-92)

SENATE AND HOUSE Passed a compromise bill that would have provided Federal funds to candidates who agreed to comply with spending limits and would have restricted PAC contributions

and soft money contributions. President Bush vetoed the bill. The Senate failed to override the veto.

103RD CONGRESS (1993-94)

SENATE Passed a campaign reform bill that included voluntary spending limits, low cost television time, a ban on soft money and a ban on PAC's.

HOUSE Passed a bill including spending limits, a limit on total contributions from PAC's, communications vouchers and a ban on soft money.

CONFERENCE The bill died when Senate Democrats failed to shut off a Republican filibuster on a procedural motion to convene a conference with the House.

104TH CONGRESS (1995-96)

SENATE Failed to end a Republican filibuster on a campaign reform bill that banned PAC's and encouraged congressional candidates to abide by voluntary spending limits by providing free or discounted television time.

HOUSE Defeated a Republican

leadership bill that would have required candidates to raise at least half of their money from within their districts, set new contribution limits for individuals, cut the cap on PAC contributions by half to \$5,000 and required unions to get permission each year from each of their members before spending any dues money for political purposes. Also defeated a Democratic bill creating voluntary limits on spending in House races, with discounted radio and television advertising time as reward for compliance.

105TH CONGRESS (1997-98)

SENATE Failed to break a Republican filibuster against a bipartisan campaign overhaul bill that would have banned the use of soft money and curbed issue advocacy commercials by outside groups.

HOUSE Passed a companion bill to the filibustered Senate measure that would ban soft money and curb issue advocacy commercials by outside groups in the 60 days before and election.

Guide: All Monica, All the Time

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ations of some commentators are more complex and, in some cases, obscured. Like reporters, legal analysts have embraced the culture of conflict, choosing sides so they can bark at each other.

Mr. Davis's former job as the White House's spinner-in-chief makes his sympathies obvious to most viewers, and Jack Quinn, the former White House counsel who might return in a Gore Administration, is an obvious Clinton partisan. Mr. Quinn has downgraded the President's alleged sin so many times that he now argues that, even if there was a relationship with the intern, it was consensual and therefore, "trivial."

Partisan Spin

Mr. Taylor caused a stir when it came out that he had considered joining Mr. Starr's staff, a fact rarely mentioned now. The ideological or partisan backgrounds of other analysts aren't always disclosed, either.

For example, Bradford A. Berenson, a Washington lawyer who has appeared often as a legal commentator on the Lewinsky case, is usually identified as a criminal law expert. Mr. Berenson, a 1991 Harvard Law School graduate, practices criminal defense law in the Washington office of Sidley & Austin, a Chicago-based firm. He is also active in the Federalist Society, a group of conservative lawyers that includes Mr. Starr. He said in an interview that he has met Mr. Starr three times and is close to several younger lawyers who worked on Mr. Starr's Whitewater investigation. It was those friends who first encouraged him to talk to reporters and producers about the Starr investigation, Mr. Berenson said.

"It's true that I'm sympathetic to Starr and feel he's been unfairly treated by the White House," he said. "But I try to be clear and objective and I don't spin for anyone." He said some interviewers do mention his conservative leanings when they introduce him.

Barbara Olson also frequently provides analysis on the Starr investigation and is often identified as a former prosecutor. Mrs. Olson worked in the United States Attorney's office in Washington for three years and is in demand because she is telegenic and offers clear explanations of legalities. But her résumé also includes prominent partisan positions, like counsel to Republicans on House and Senate committees that investigated alleged Clinton Administration ethical improprieties and Democratic fund-raising.

Helping Friends

When Mrs. Olson began receiving television invitations — from Mr. Rivera and CNN — the appearances were mainly at night. Then she began receiving daytime invitations, too. So she asked for and was given a leave of absence by her boss, Republican Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma. Then, in June, her appearances became so frequent that Mrs. Olson resigned. In an interview, she said, "I didn't want

there to be any questions about whether I was voicing his opinions."

Mrs. Olson and her husband, the lawyer Theodore Olson, are also close friends of Mr. Starr. While this fact isn't part of Mrs. Olson's usual introduction, she said she sometimes referred to her friendship with the Independent Counsel in her comments about him. One of the reasons she wanted to talk about the Starr investigation on television was that other legal commentators were calling Mr. Starr's tactics "unheard of," she said. "It sounded out of line and like politics. It seemed so lopsided and that I could add some balance."

One of Mrs. Olson's Democratic counterparts, Richard Ben-Veniste, who served as counsel to the minority during the Senate's Whitewater probe, also appears on television frequently to discuss the Lewinsky case. Like Mrs. Olson, Mr. Ben-Veniste, a veteran of the Justice Department's Watergate Task Force, is usually identified as a former prosecutor.

Robert J. Guffra Jr., a New York lawyer, is frequently identified as a "former Whitewater special counsel" or a "former Senate Whitewater counsel," but his background is more complex. He was hired three years ago by Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato as chief counsel to the Republican majority on the Senate Banking Committee, which conducted a Whitewater investigation under Mr. D'Amato's direction. Before that, Mr. Guffra had represented Mr. D'Amato's brother, Armand, successfully appealing his mail-fraud conviction.

Out of Time

In a sound-bite culture, when there are only a few minutes for each lawyer to offer his comments, it's impossible to provide detailed résumés for all guests. One network producer said his Sunday public affairs show was careful to quiz guests about their ideological or partisan affiliations so that panels could be assembled with a variety of points of view, even if individual affiliations weren't fully disclosed on the air.

Several law professors are also in demand: Georgetown's Paul Rothstein, who also offered commentary during the Simpson case, said, "The public and network appetite for commentary is surprisingly large." Mr. Rothstein, who appears on network and local television several times a week, said he found it difficult to discuss "grungy sexual matters and the President in the same breath."

And on a clear day, you can see Jonathan Turley forever. The George Washington University professor specializes in environmental law, and he certainly knows how to permeate the atmosphere. He instantly blossomed into the most promiscuous quote on Ms. Lewinsky and the President, saturating newspapers as well as NBC's "Today" show, ABC's "Nightline," NBC's "Meet the Press," CNN's "Crossfire" and other cable shows.

Why do they do it? Lanny Davis, being lawyerly, answered the question with a question. "How do you spell meshugana?"

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ECONOMY

At 38, He's Running a Hotel Giant (Jealous Yet?)

By ADAM BRYANT

WHEN Richard D. Nanula is not in the middle of changing jobs and moving, he likes to unwind by watching five television sets at once, using a customized touch pad to change channels quickly and adjust the sound. Oh, and he sometimes reads at the same time.

"I'm a multiprocessor," he said.

And listening to Mr. Nanula, 38, talk about his life is also like watching several channels at once.

There he is at the Walt Disney Company, which hired him out of Harvard Business School 12 years ago and named him chief financial officer at the age of 31. He quickly made his mark, negotiating long and hard to get the troubled Euro Disney theme park on firmer financial footing, handling more than \$1 billion of financing for Disney films and issuing rare 100-year bonds.

And there he is pursuing his second career as one of the world's greatest sports fans. He once moved into business negotiations to the Super Bowl so he wouldn't miss the game. When he learned that Shaquille O'Neal, the Los Angeles Lakers center, had moved into his Beverly Hills neighborhood last summer, Mr. Nanula got his wish for a pick-up

game with him.

And there he is again, in a T-shirt, sunglasses and a baseball cap, on the back cover of the menu at the recently opened ESPN Zone restaurant in Baltimore. The restaurant is a Disney property, and executives who knew of Mr. Nanula's passion for sports agreed that he should be the poster boy for serious fandom.

"It's one of my favorite things I've ever done," Mr. Nanula said of the menu.

Now Mr. Nanula (pronounced nah-NOO-lah) faces perhaps the hardest thing he's ever done, taking over as chief executive of Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, the world's largest hotel company.

Consider his challenge. By acquiring Westin Hotels and ITT, Starwood has become, in a way, a \$16 billion start-up. And Mr. Nanula, who became its chief on June 1, must now assemble a team to run Starwood's many distinct parts — including the Caesars World casinos and the company's Sheraton and luxury hotels — and assemble three companies into one at its new headquarters in White Plains.

To cut costs, he is using the company's size to renegotiate contracts for its 650 hotels on everything from mattresses to shrimp to long-distance service. He hopes to raise revenues by, among other things, stitching

together reservation systems and frequent-guest programs.

All the while, Starwood is growing, with 125,000 employees and \$1 billion of projects in the pipeline, and it is starting a new brand, W Hotels, to compete in the so-called boutique hotel market.

Lest Mr. Nanula's job grow too dull, he must also develop a new corporate structure for Starwood, which recently lost a battle with Congress and the White House to extend the tax advantages of its unusual corporate structure.

The company's stock price, meanwhile, has sagged, along with others in the lodging industry; Starwood shares have fallen 5.7 percent over the last year, better than the 6.4 percent drop in the Chicago Board Options Exchange index of real estate investment trusts but well below the 16.7 percent gain in the Standard & Poor's 500.

"I'm not sure anyone has tried to pull off what we're doing here," Mr. Nanula said during three hours of interviews squeezed into his schedule. "It is a big and interesting challenge."

ALSO at stake is the reputation of Barry S. Sternlicht, a longtime friend of Mr. Nanula. Mr. Sternlicht, who is 37, built Starwood at breakneck speed and is now its chairman, but he acknowledges that he lacks the operational skills to make it all work. Mr. Nanula's efforts will go a long way toward determining whether Mr. Sternlicht will be regarded in coming years as a savvy deal maker or as someone who paid too much to create an unwieldy corporate giant.

"What you see today is a company operating on 2 of its 12 cylinders," Mr. Sternlicht said.

Many people on Wall Street are betting that Mr. Nanula can make Starwood hum, though no one minimizes the enormity of his task.

"For Richard Nanula to have left his job at Disney says a lot about what he believes is the potential for Starwood," said Jason N. Ader, an analyst at Bear, Stearns. "But he's got to focus to manage the assimilation process."

Mr. Nanula's route to Starwood can be traced, in part, to his penchant for juggling several tasks.

On his first day at Harvard, in 1984, he took a seat in the lecture hall at the end of the last row — or "skydeck," as the students called it — so he could read newspapers and magazines or do course work when class discussions bogged down.

Two seats away sat Mr. Sternlicht, another multitasker. "I'm really good at doodling and listening at the same time, which drives people crazy because they don't think I'm listening," he explained recently.

The two had pursued different academic interests. Mr. Sternlicht was a liberal arts major at Brown University in a program called Law and Society (or "Lost in Society," as he called it). Mr. Nanula studied economics at the University of California at Santa Barbara and was a certified public accountant.

BUT the men soon found common ground. They spent many Sunday afternoons watching football together. During intramural basketball games, Mr. Sternlicht played point guard, often setting up Mr. Nanula, who is said to have a pretty good outside shot.

Mr. Sternlicht also helped Mr. Nanula land his first job. In their second year, Mr. Sternlicht organized a field study project at Disney, in part because he had a good contact there, but also because Disney was far away from the chilly Northeast. He recruited four classmates, including Mr. Nanula, to study the feasibility of a new theme-park attraction of mini-factories showing how things like bread and cheese are made.

Mr. Nanula made a quick impression on Disney executives and was hired into the strategic planning department, even before the students made their final presentation.

Mr. Sternlicht was not jealous, he said, because he preferred to work in a smaller company. "I didn't like hierarchy," he said. "My goal was to do deals, to learn to negotiate."



Reunited with Barry S. Sternlicht, left, who is Starwood Hotels' chairman, Richard D. Nanula must bring order to the company.

Mr. Nanula, though, was drawn to the breadth and complexity of a large corporation. He was also following in the footsteps of his father, who had run companies that made products ranging from cooling towers to automatic sprinkler systems (and, on occasion, was known to read a book in front of the TV).

Though fast friends, Mr. Nanula and Mr. Sternlicht assumed that they would never work together. But they soon found themselves sitting across from each other at a negotiating table. Mr. Sternlicht landed a job at JMB Realty in Chicago, and he and Mr. Nanula haggled over the sale to JMB of the real estate assets of Disney's Arvida subsidiary.

They stayed in touch — Mr. Nanula sometimes called Mr. Sternlicht to need him about the California weather — and they often went on vacations and attended the N.C.A.A. Final Four together. But their career paths were very different.

Mr. Sternlicht's trajectory dipped sharply early on. He led a team that analyzed the finances of Randworth Trust P.L.C., a British real estate company, before JMB and some American pension funds bought it in 1989. Randworth collapsed two years later, for a loss of more than \$425 million. Mr. Sternlicht has said he was made the scapegoat for the debacle.

But failure, he said, "teaches you intellectual discipline and humility."

In 1991, after he left JMB, Mr. Sternlicht started Starwood Capital with investments from the Ziff publishing family and others.

In 1993, Starwood, named for the community near Aspen, Colo., where it was assembled, bought its first hotels. The company took off in 1995, when it acquired Hotel Investors Trust, a real estate investment trust and standard operating company that traded as a single stock — a so-called paired-share or stapled REIT.

Armed with its special structure, Starwood stormed the industry, acquiring properties and companies that today give it hotels or casinos in 70 countries. For most of that time, Starwood's stock has performed well, far surpassing the average for hotel companies and REITs. It has risen 284 percent in the last three and a half years, despite its recent drop.

At Disney, meanwhile, Mr. Nanula rose quickly. As chief financial officer, he not only handled the negotiations over Euro Disney, now known as Disneyland Paris, but also revamped the way Disney financed its films, making the terms not quite so favorable to outside investors. He learned Disney's businesses, from theme parks to films to retailing.

Mr. Nanula also picked up a few things that would come in handy at Starwood. For one thing, Disney has about 25,000 hotel rooms. And Mr. Nanula has some familiarity with casinos, having made regular trips with friends to Las Vegas.

AS chief financial officer, Mr. Nanula was known to push colleagues time and again for more analysis to back up recommendations to invest in new ventures.

"He was very good in a company where risk is part of the culture, but where you have to manage risk in a conservative fashion," Michael D. Eisner, Disney's chairman, said in a recent interview. "He has pretty good antennae for spotting problems in advance of everyone else."

Mr. Eisner made Mr. Nanula president of the company's Disney Store Worldwide unit in November 1994 to

give him operating experience. Without it, Mr. Eisner said, "he wouldn't have been able to go all the way."

When Mr. Nanula's replacement as chief financial officer, Stephen P. Bollenbach, left in early 1996 to become chief executive of the Hilton Hotels Corporation, Mr. Eisner named Mr. Nanula to the job again, to help integrate Disney's \$19 billion acquisition of Capital Cities/ABC.

Mr. Nanula's accounting for the purchase was questioned in a lengthy article in Barron's in March of this year; it said Disney had created an undisclosed reserve of as much as \$2.5 billion to absorb expenses related to the merger without reducing its reported earnings. When asked about this, Mr. Nanula said, "Nobody who was up on accounting standards ever questioned the accounting."

For 12 years, Mr. Nanula immersed himself in the life of a Disney executive. He stared down the difficult decision of which character's costume to wear for a stroll through Disney World as part of a theme-park orientation. (He chose Tigger, Winnie-the-Pooh's sidekick). He met his future wife at Disney — Tracey Hart, an executive assistant in strategic planning.

And his wealth rose. The 1997 Disney proxy said Mr. Nanula was paid a salary of \$632,692, plus a \$1.3 million bonus. His exercisable options had gained about \$15 million in value. Options that he lost upon leaving the company were worth an additional \$30 million or so.

(Starwood has not released details of Mr. Nanula's pay package, including the degree to which he was compensated for what he gave up, though he has invested about \$500,000 in Starwood stock. Besides nurturing his own holdings, Mr. Nanula will now play an important role in sustaining his friend's wealth; Mr. Sternlicht owns Starwood stock worth about \$400 million, plus options worth \$80 million at the end of last year.)

Disney executives grew to rely on Mr. Nanula to add levity to meetings. If someone proposed an idea that no one liked, Mr. Nanula might break the silence by saying: "That's a great idea. It would put us out of business in three days. But that's a great idea."

"Being the C.F.O. or the C.E.O., you've got to say 'no' a lot without having everybody hate your guts," Mr. Nanula said. "You want them to keep coming up with good ideas."

Mr. Nanula built a collection of 50 Disney neckties and appeared to be settling in for the long haul. He was often mentioned as an eventual successor to Mr. Eisner.

But, ever multitasking, Mr. Nanula often offered Mr. Sternlicht advice — on everything from takeover tactics to dismissing executives. "I'm not good at firing people," Mr. Sternlicht said. "When I had to let somebody go, Richard and I would rehearse what I was going to say."

They also helped each other through difficult personal times. Last year, Mr. Sternlicht learned that his youngest son had juvenile diabetes, and Mr. Nanula's twin daughter and son were born 15 weeks early, weighing only one and a quarter pounds each. (Mr. Nanula's children are now fine, and Mr. Sternlicht has joined the board of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.)

As Starwood grew, Mr. Sternlicht mentioned the possibility of turning his friendship with Mr. Nanula into a business partnership. But Mr. Nanula politely waved off the idea. When

Mr. Sternlicht closed in on the \$13.3 billion deal to acquire ITT, however, he raised the issue again. This time, Mr. Nanula had a different answer: He would consider it.

Mr. Sternlicht was certain that his friend would be the best candidate, even though working so closely together would put their friendship at risk. But the decision to hire a chief executive would have to be made by Starwood's directors.

There were other candidates. Buying some of them out of option-laden contracts, however, would have been too costly. One even demanded that he be given the chairman's title after a year. "That's a little overreaching, I'm afraid," Mr. Sternlicht told him.

The board settled on Mr. Nanula, in part because of his skills, which complemented Mr. Sternlicht's, and in part because of the chemistry between them.

Though they walk into each other's offices at least a dozen times a day to run through decisions, in the kind of shorthand that develops between friends, Mr. Nanula and Mr. Sternlicht are still adjusting. "It's just very different having him next to me," Mr. Sternlicht said.

But Mr. Nanula is often on the road, flying in a Gulfstream IV jet to visit the company's many operations, refining goals for managers and setting a tone for the company.

He likes meetings with free-wheeling discussions, like those he had at Harvard and Disney. "There's no teacher," he said, "just a bunch of us in the room figuring out what to do."

But Mr. Nanula has little patience for people who are unprepared, and he will direct a manager to do more homework before setting up another meeting or phone call with him.

"Frank Wells was that way," he said, speaking of Disney's late president. "He would simply say, 'Go get the answers, and we'll make the decision when you get them.'"

MR. NANULA grew up in Pasadena and Santa Rosa, Calif. He held a number of jobs as a teen-ager, waiting on tables many a summer — "good, general people training," he said.

His parents said they were at times concerned that Richard had too many irons in the fire, his schoolwork competing with jobs, sports and dating.

But Mr. Nanula grew into a serious student at Santa Barbara. With many fellow students pursuing majors in partying, Mr. Nanula saw an opportunity. "If I was the only one studying," he said, "I could probably get A-pluses and get into any business school I wanted."

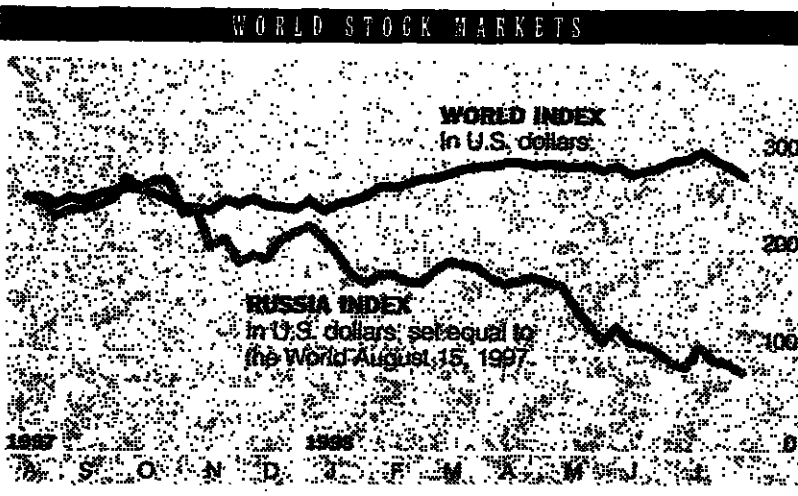
In fact, he did, though Harvard deferred his acceptance, so he went to Deloitte, Haskins & Sells in Atlanta for two years, becoming a C.P.A. Mr. Nanula, whose father is white and mother black, said he rarely encountered racism growing up in mainly white neighborhoods, perhaps in part because his light skin color made many people think he was Hawaiian or Egyptian. "Thankfully, nobody really cared," he added.

And today, he said, he does not often think about being one of the few blacks in the highest ranks of corporate America. "I do believe in being a good role model," he said. "But I've generally just operated on doing my job, and race and age and background has never really played into it very much, so I've just not focused on it."

These days, as he waits for his new house in Greenwich, Conn., to be renovated, he is focusing on Starwood during long workdays, though he tries to be at home to help put his children to bed and spend time with his wife, as well as to see his two golden retrievers. He generally brings home a briefcase of work for the weekend. There is not much time to watch even one television set.

He and Mr. Sternlicht have talked about working out together again, playing basketball or taking a "spinning" class — Mr. Nanula said he is a "gigantic fanatic" about riding an exercise bike to pounding music for an hour.

"We haven't found time to do either one of them yet," he said. "But we'll do that."



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Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.
Australia	180.52	-4.5	19	-9.8	17	3.73	199.82	-2.2	
Austria	226.19	-2.3	5	19.6	10	1.62	208.32	18.0	
Belgium	390.38	1.2	2	53.4	2	1.95	351.88	51.3	
Brazil	199.82	-12.7	29	-16.2	19	2.69	429.39	-12.3	
Britain	361.75	-3.0	10	9.0	13	3.02	328.55	9.9	
Canada	204.26	-4.9	20	-3.8	15	1.81	224.86	2.2	
Denmark	487.52	-4.4	15	9.0	14	1.44	448.18	7.6	
Finland	469.85	-4.1	13	68.7	1	1.73	531.48	67.0	
France	317.81	-3.0	9	32.8	5	2.12	296.22	31.2	
Germany	293.98	-4.4	17	28.1	7	1.18	270.93	26.3	
Hong Kong	207.81	-8.8	23	-41.8	25	7.50	206.71	-41.8	
Indonesia	30.55	-11.7	27	-63.8	28	2.84	238.92	7.3	
Ireland	520.24	1.3	1	29.6	6	1.83	516.72	30.2	
Italy	169.08	-2.5	7	43.7	4	1.33	220.80	42.1	
Japan	67.17	-4.2	14	-8.5	16	0.98	90.34	2.6	
Malaysia	92.79	-12.9	30	-43.6	26	4.18	150.19	-39.1	
Mexico	1,226.94	-9.2	24	-32.0	23	2.25	12,080.59	-24.0	
Netherlands	501.17	-4.0	12	22.3	9	1.95	457.25	20.6	
New Zealand	60.33	-5.2	21	-21.0	20	4.85	62.70	-10.3	
Norway	286.93	-5.7	22	-10.2	18	2.12	294.88	-7.7	
Philippines	58.49	-12.4	28	-26.3	21	1.35	126.65	-19.7	
Singapore	136.47	-4.5	18	-39.4	24	2.74	109.86	-37.2	
South Africa	195.23	-9.5	25	-26.4	22	3.32	268.19	-5.0	
Spain	393.27	-2.1	4	44.7	3	1.70	448.18	42.8	
Sweden	556.49	-4.4	16	18.5	11	1.77	659.51	19.6	
Switzerland	421.07	-3.5	11	23.6	8	1.07	389.35	26.3	
Thailand	10.89	-11.3	26	-43.6	27	5.31	17.75	-50.8	
United States	446.29	-2.6	8	12.6	12	1.46	446.29	12.6	

COMPOSITE INDICES		Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank
Europe	354.05	-3.2	22.5	2.03	334.72
Pacific Basin	91.58	-4.7	-13.5	1.76	84.29
Europe/Pacific	201.00	-3.6	10.3	1.96	178.78
World	280.48	-3.2	10.5	1.71	259.74

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CURRENCIES		Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Exchange rate					
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar		146.13	144.65	+1.02	114.76
German marks to the U.S. dollar		1.7792	1.7885	-0.52	1.8462
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar		1.5220	1.5117	+0.68	1.3906
U.S. dollars to the British pound		1.6305	1.6319	-0.09	1.5896

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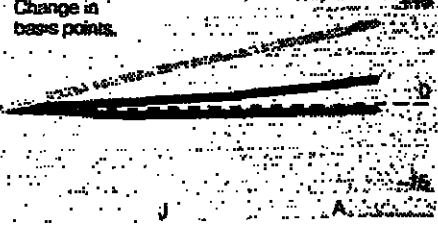
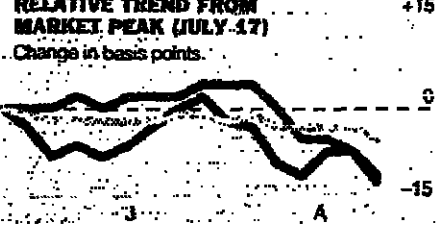
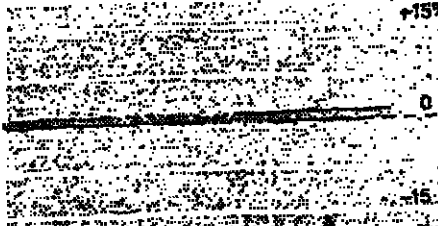
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DOMESTIC EQUITIES	
Broad market	Down 2.79%
S. & P. 500 index	1,089.45
Blue chips	Down 3.21%
Dow 30 industrials	8,598.02
Small capitalization	Down 0.94%
Russell 2000 index	415.60

DOMESTIC BONDS	
Treasuries	Up 0.77%
Ryan Labs Total Return	224.04
Municipals	Up 0.89%
Bond Buyer Index	124.63
Corporates	Up 0.68%
Merrill Lynch Master index	982.32

AROUND THE WORLD	
European stocks	Down 3.21%
F.T.-Actuaries Europe	354.05
Asian stocks	Down 4.69%
F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	91.58
Gold	Up 0.73%
New York cash price	\$288.40

YIELDS	
BONDS	
Long bonds	5.63%
30-year Treasuries	Down 8 basis pts.
Notes	5.32%
2-year Treasuries	Down 16 basis pts.
Municipals	5.22%
Bond Buyer index	Down 4 basis pt.

OTHER INVESTMENTS	
Money market funds	5.03%
Taxable average	Up 2 basis pts.
Bank C.D.'s	4.93%
1-year small savers	Unchanged
Stocks	1.48%
S. & P. 500 dividend yield	Up 4 b.p.



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A Challenge for John McCain

Among senators proud of their independence, no Republican stands out more than John McCain of Arizona. Yet last week Mr. McCain sounded an uncertain trumpet as the battle over campaign finance legislation shifted back to the Senate after the House approved the Shays-Meehan bill to ban soft money. Instead of rushing to assert his earlier leadership in favor of such legislation, Mr. McCain waffled and raised doubts about how hard he would push for Senate passage this year. His attitude is puzzling and self-defeating. If Mr. McCain wants to keep his reputation as a champion of clean politics, he needs to drop the naysaying and direct the charge. If he does, campaign reform can win.

No one doubts the dilemma facing Mr. McCain. His past battles over the issue, as well as over tobacco legislation and pork-barrel spending, have made him unpopular with some fellow Republicans, not a welcome thing for someone with Presidential aspirations. Trent Lott, the majority leader, is as determined to kill off reform as he is to harvest vast sums of campaign money from special interests. But Mr. McCain knows about persisting against long odds, having spent five years in North Vietnam's prisoner-of-war camps. With Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, he managed to get a majority in the Senate to back campaign reform this year, only to be blocked by a Republican filibuster.

The path to victory lies in Mr. McCain's willingness to force the issue when the Senate reconvenes in September. That means proposing it as an amendment to bill after bill. Seven Republicans have already joined with the Senate's 45 Democrats to support reform, but it takes 60 votes to choke off the inevitable filibusters engineered by Mr. Lott and his henchman, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. Last week, more than a quarter of the House Republicans broke with House Speaker Newt Gingrich to vote yes. If that percentage of Senate Republicans

breaks with Trent Lott, those 60 votes will be there.

Among Republicans, Christopher Bond of Missouri and Alfonse D'Amato of New York are in tough re-election fights and cannot afford to be seen as beholden to the corrupt status quo. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado and Sam Brownback of Kansas actually supported reform in the past. Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas voted once to close off debate this year. John Warner, William Roth and others have reputations for independence. Do they really want to be seen as cowering before Senator Lott now that so many House Republicans had the grit to defy their backward leadership?

Mr. McCain is concerned about overkill and losing his effectiveness. But this is no time for senatorial delicacy. Unless he gets in their face, Republican senators will do nothing. Representative Christopher Shays of Connecticut, once among Mr. McCain's most reliable backers, angered his leadership so much that at times the Speaker refused to meet with him, but his tactics paid off.

This is a piece of legislation that can transform American politics by banning the unlimited campaign donations that were at the center of the 1996 fund-raising scandals. It would also curb fundraising for attack ads by independent groups that have provided a new conduit for special-interest contributions intended to override the will of the voters. Every senator knows that the public is disgusted by the way money politics has distorted the electoral system. All the senators need to do is put Americans' revulsion ahead of their own party's addiction. For Mr. McCain, this is a moment to add a heroic page to one of the nation's most striking political biographies. Mr. Lott and others will be trying to convince him that next year is the smart time to push this legislation. But we believe that in his heart, Senator McCain knows that now is the right time.

The Olympics' Drug Problem

The drug scandals rocking the world of international sports have confronted the Olympic movement with a much larger credibility problem than its leaders seem to realize. Although the Olympic Games no longer represent the ideal of amateurism, they still embody ideals of fair play and honest competition. Yet drugs have put even those simple values at risk. Why in the world would anyone, much less hundreds of millions of people, choose to watch a competition in which the race goes not to the swift but to the chemically enhanced?

This has been a drug-ridden summer in sports. The legendary Tour de France nearly collapsed in embarrassment when five members of the world's best cycling team, Festina, were suspended for using performance-enhancing drugs. The International Amateur Athletic Federation announced that two of America's top athletes, the sprinter Dennis Mitchell and the 1996 Olympic shot-put champion Randy Barnes, had tested positive for illegal substances, and suspended both. Then, last Thursday, Michelle Smith de Bruin, the Irish swimmer who captured hearts and three gold medals at the 1996 Summer Olympics, was charged with manipulating a drug test and banned from further competition.

Reporters who cover sports say there is already so much cynicism among the athletes themselves that anyone who sets a new world record is immediately suspected of doping. So far that cynicism has not spread to the public, but it will surely do so unless the authorities move quickly to develop a more credible and comprehensive system of testing and punishment. To be fair, the International Olympic Committee does a far more effective job of policing drug use than other athletic federations. But given its responsibility for one of the world's premier sports events, it must do even better.

The first order of business is to change attitudes at the top. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the I.O.C.'s president, has convened a board meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Aug. 20 to prepare for a doping "summit" next January. But Mr. Samaranch's own commitment to the cause is suspect. He recently suggested to the Spanish daily *El Mundo* that performance-enhancing drugs should be permitted unless they pose a threat to the athletes that use them, a bizarre statement that shocked many of his colleagues.

Second, the I.O.C. must be ready to spend serious money on the problem. The I.O.C. and others have agreed to put \$2 million into new research, but experts say more will be needed to develop tests as sophisticated as the drugs they are meant to detect. During the Tour de France scandal, experts noted that there were no reliable tests to detect the substance at the heart of the scandal — EPO, a synthetic hormone that increases aerobic capacity.

Third, the I.O.C. must bring other governing bodies into line. The international federations that govern three Olympic sports — cycling, volleyball and tennis — do not even participate in the I.O.C.'s testing program. It is also common knowledge that some national Olympic committees are far more vigilant than others. Dick Schultz, an American Olympic official, put the matter well in a recent interview with *The Times's* Jere Longman: "There is a morass out there that needs to be reviewed to determine what is performance-enhancing and what is not. I don't think there's any question that the drug gurus who are trying to beat the system are ahead of the police."

The next Olympic Games are two years away. That is not a lot of time for Mr. Samaranch to get ahead of the gurus.

Social Security Needs Wall Street

To the Editor:

Re "Pensions for the People" (Op-Ed, Aug. 5):

The first step in reforming Social Security is to get Congress's hands out of the trust fund. Congress must act to reduce spending in future years to eliminate its reliance on the trust fund as a budget balancer. The President's challenge to Congress to leave any budget surplus untouched pending a resolution of Social Security's problems is a wise course.

Contrary to Theodore Roszak's view, the profit motive can provide for the public good. Millions of retirees have prudently invested to supplement Social Security. This can be achieved within the Social Security System itself.

JOHN F. ZIPETO
Andover, Mass., Aug. 5, 1998

To the Editor:

Theodore Roszak's assertion (Op-Ed, Aug. 5) that "Social Security should remain a contract grounded in ethical resolve" stopped short of the point. Social Security was designed to protect the American public from the forces of a free market that drove the country (and the world) to the Depression. To entrust Social Security to Wall Street brokers is like asking the Big Bad Wolf to manage Grandma's affairs.

Social Security was designed to provide a portion of retirement income. That portion has to be both stable and secure. The recent steep stock-market decline proves that the market is both self-regulating and unstable, a lethal combination incompatible with the goals of Social Security.

JORDAN J. KAPLAN
Brooklyn, Aug. 5, 1998

To the Editor:

Theodore Roszak (Op-Ed, Aug. 5) claims that Prohibition was foisted upon the country by an "evangelical" minority. While there is no denying that it was indeed a minority, it is inaccurate to categorize supporters of Prohibition as evangelical. True evangelicals do not oppose consumption of alcohol per se; it is drunkenness that they believe is a sin.

JARED HANSEN
Madison, Wis., Aug. 5, 1998

To the Editor:

Re Theodore Roszak's Aug. 5 Op-

Putting Off College May Be the Best Education

To the Editor:

Your Aug. 2 Education Life article on the benefits of taking time off between high school and college brought back memories of the late 1960's and early 1970's. Back then, admissions officers at some Northeast colleges realized that some admitted applicants should be allowed to take time off from their studies in favor of "other-life experiences."

Educators, for the most part, applauded this decision; many parents disagreed with it. That colleges in the 1980's are still allowing admitted applicants time off before entering college, despite parental fears, is evidence that alternative education is good for both students and the country in the long run.

HAL SCHAFER
North Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 4, 1998

To the Editor:

Re "What's the Rush? Why College Can Wait" (Education Life, Aug. 2): After visiting an elite engineering school in California, I knew

Prosecutor Is Qualified

To the Editor:

An Aug. 4 editorial focuses on alleged political revenge in denying permanent appointment to Charles La Bella as United States Attorney for San Diego and mentions that a San Diego Union-Tribune news article described the possible appointment of Gregory Vega, a Federal prosecutor, as an effort to "shore up" Senator Barbara Boxer with the Hispanic community.

You left out Mr. Vega's qualifications. In his capacity as an assistant United States attorney and a Federal prosecutor with the Justice Department since 1983, he received superior performance awards and outstanding evaluations. He has 11 years of prosecuting cases in San Diego. Senator Boxer has recommended the right person for the right job for the right reasons.

XAVIER BECERRA
Member of Congress, 30th Dist., Calif.
Washington, Aug. 5, 1998

Annoying Cell Phones

To the Editor:

Re Aliyah Baruchin's Aug. 5 Op-Ed article on cell phones: A few weeks ago I visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park City. I was on the second floor, commemorative of the Holocaust, deeply immersed in introspective thought and reflection, when on two occasions other museum visitors made loud calls on their cell phones to make dinner plans. To me, this was the height of insensitivity.

DIANA BINDER
New York, Aug. 5, 1998

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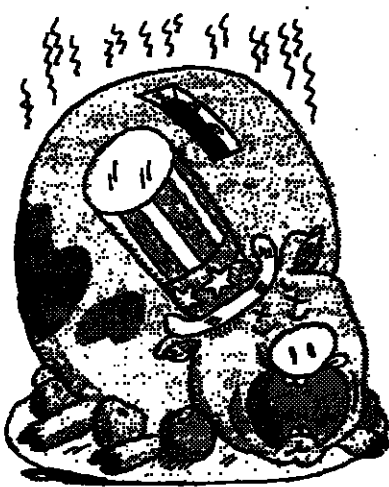
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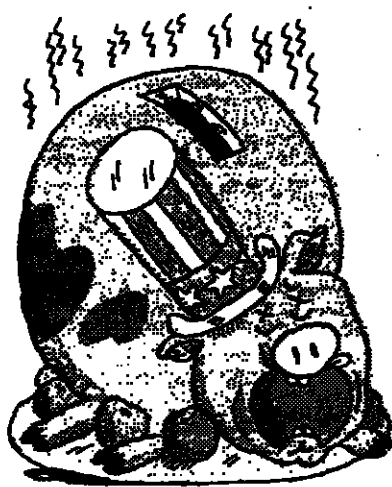
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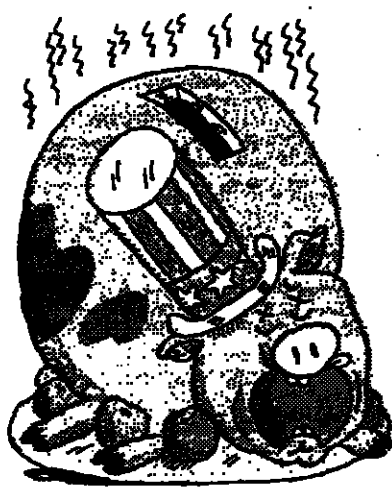
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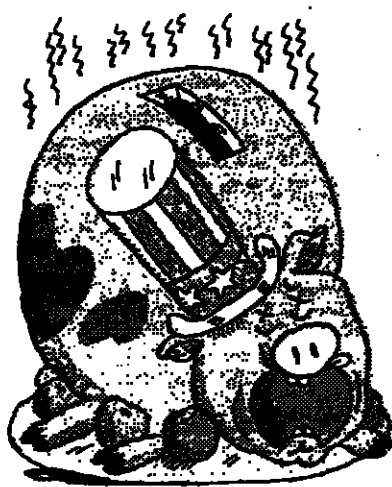
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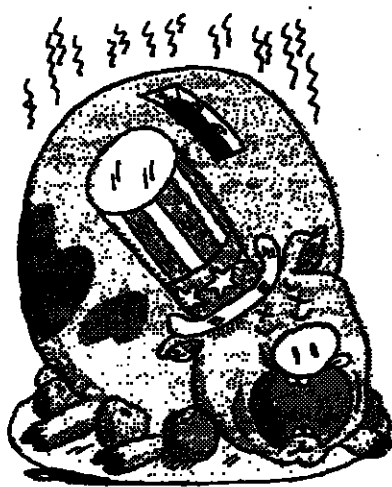
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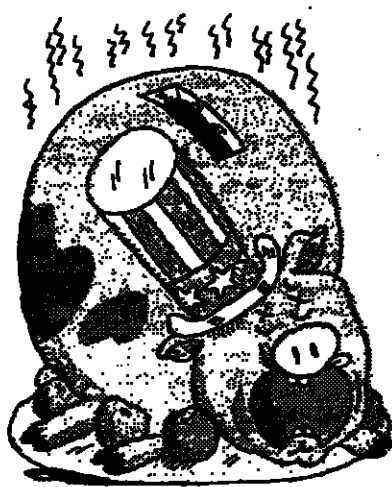
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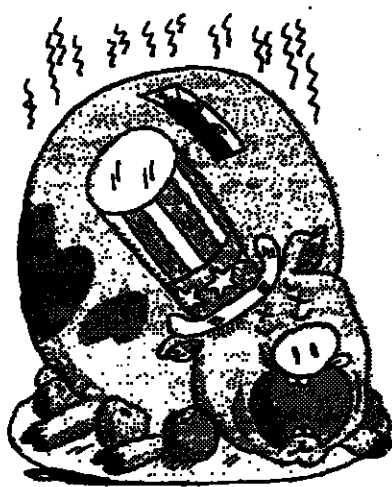
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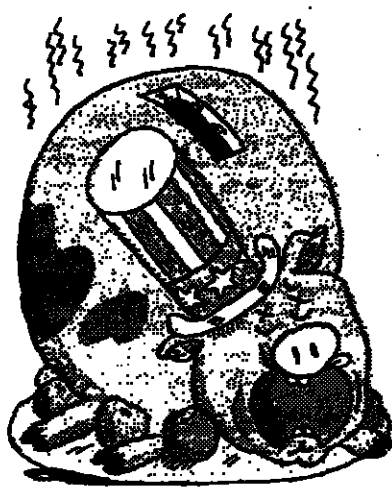
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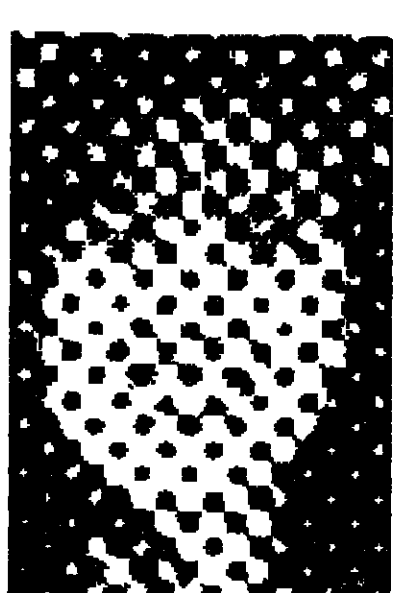
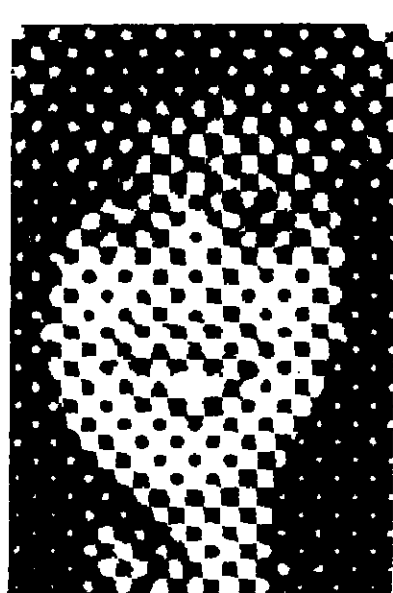
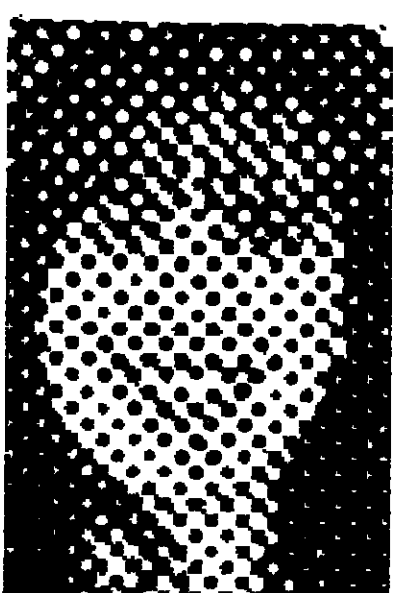
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A Letter to Monica

By John W. Dean

The underlying events of the Monica Lewinsky investigation versus those that led to Watergate appear to me as different as love and hate, with one investigation involving a President who has been accused of collecting lovers and the other a President who attacked his enemies. The only parallels between my case and Ms. Lewinsky's are that we both had information about a President and that investigators wanted it.

I know what it is like to be thrust on the national media stage in a confrontation with the most powerful man in the world, and it is, to put it mildly, a maturing experience. Like Ms. Lewinsky (now 25), I was young (then 33) when I was put in that position. It is that experience that prompts my letter to this young woman. While it is not exactly a cheery note, if she were my daughter these are matters I would want her thinking about.

Dear Monica,

I must apologize for the public nature of this communication, but I wanted to tell you that if past is prologue life may get worse before it gets better. From what I have read, I understand you want to get on with your life. That won't be easy, however, until Congress decides what it is going to do with your life.

When the Watergate cover-up began to fall apart, in the spring of 1973, there was much discussion in the White House about my having to testify before a grand jury, which by law is supposed to be a secret proceeding. Had Watergate been unraveled before a grand jury, I doubt Richard Nixon would have been forced from office. Congress figured as much and made sure that Watergate was not

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resolved in secret grand jury proceedings.

This history was repeated with the Iran-contra affair. Rather than let Lawrence Walsh, the independent counsel, initiate secret grand jury proceedings and then trials (in Federal courtrooms, which prohibit cameras), a Democratic Congress held highly visible investigations. After the November elections, it will be difficult for a Republican Congress not to investigate your relationship with the President, so your life may be disrupted a lot longer.

While testifying in the windowless grand jury room in the Federal courthouse in Washington is not a pleasant experience, when compared with appearing before a televised Congressional hearing it will seem a delight. If you think your privacy has been invaded already, you will find that the grand jury room was like a confes-

sion (witness) will come roaring to his defense. This is almost a Pavlovian reaction, for when you tarnish a President you blacken his Presidency (and all those who are part of it). You've seen the way Mr. Clinton's defenders have dealt with accusations, whether founded or not, by Jennifer Flowers, Paula Jones and Kathleen Willey.

During Watergate there were unbelievably nasty and false efforts to discredit me and what I said. Remnants of these efforts continued for 25 years, fueled by a few of Watergate's most unrepentant felons working with the Nixon apologists. So be prepared for this to go on in some degree for the rest of your life.

For your sake, the President's and the country's, I hope you are spared having to testify before Congress. Nothing will help you recover your real life faster than being spared that ordeal. If Congress does proceed, however, you should fight for closed hearings. Congress is entitled to your testimony, but you are entitled to your privacy.

While you wait for Congress to decide what it is going to do, head down to one of those Washington bookstores that fought to protect your privacy. Find a copy of Elliott Abrams's "Undue Process." It is an insightful report about his experiences with the Independent Counsel Act. You'll understand that what you've been through may be more the doing of the statute than of Kenneth Starr. There's another book you should read. I recommend it not to frighten you, but rather to make sure your antennae are up and operating. Let me explain, for it's a sensitive subject.

Radio and cable talk shows as well as the myriad print and electronic media (like Web sites) that make up their daily grist are unconcerned about how easily they can stir up the lunatic fringe. No doubt you are getting a fair share of nut mail, and you should promptly notify the Independent Counsel (or the Federal Bureau of Investigation) of any and all threats you receive because it is now a Federal crime to threaten a witness.

There are things more hostile than a grand jury room.

sional booth compared with your visit to Capitol Hill to talk about your relationship with the President.

Monica, as long as your testimony remains in the grand jury and you do not go on television, you cannot be effectively attacked by the President's defenders. At this stage, they really don't know what you have said and can only speculate. But once you make public statements, everything will change. Your decision so far not to discuss these matters in public is very, very smart. You have no idea how much grief you are saving yourself.

If you go public (or if Congress forces you to) those who have a personal stake in Bill Clinton's Presidency (be it emotional, political or other-

When I testified against the President, I got a lot of that kind of mail and found myself living under the full-time protection of the Federal Witness Protection Program. The only Nixon supporter to openly voice a desire to do me harm (as well as a few others) turned out to be G. Gordon Liddy, Watergate's most decorated felon, who epitomizes the difference between Watergate and this investigation of President Clinton. For this reason, I suggest you read Gavin de Becker's book "The Gift of Fear." It could save your life.

Monica, there is one final matter of consequence I should call to your attention. As a result of being thrust to the forefront of a Presidential investigation, you have clearly become a "public figure" under a body of First Amendment law that means when anyone falsely attacks you in a defamatory manner, you will find it extremely difficult to protect your reputation. In libel, slander and invasion of privacy lawsuits, the deck is stacked against public figures.

Indeed, the laws, and many courts, will be hostile toward your efforts to protect yourself. They impose the toughest standard of proof as well as onerous procedures on public figures who have been trashed by the media and try to fight back. You can count on being attacked by the jackals, but if they hurt you with false information, please go after them. The only way to stop them is to go after them. Otherwise they will try to devour you. I know.

Good luck.

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Hugs From Geraldo

WASHINGTON

I would like to be more like Catherine Deneuve.

I would like to smoke cigarettes and murmur in a sexy French accent about how crazy zee Americans are for persecuting President Clinton. "It's incredible that you cannot have a sort of double life here without being scandalous," the actress told The New York Post.

The French have no problem with cheating. As long as it is done elegantly and discreetly (words that will never be associated with Mr. Clinton's dalliances). But then again, the French have no problem with Mickey Rourke, either.

I would like to be more like Matt Cooper.

Mr. Cooper, a Newsweek writer and moonlighting stand-up comic who does an uncanny Clinton imitation, can spin whimsy out of smarmy.

If the President decides to address the nation and offer an apology about Monica, Mr. Cooper rifts that Mr. Clinton could use the format of a 70's variety show, à la Sonny and Cher.

The President could stride around a set festooned with big Pop Art — a confession booth, Freud's couch, a polygraph. Mr. Cooper jokes that the eager-to-please Mr. Clinton could spend the next three and a half hours — "I'll see you again after your late local news" — apologizing for anything and everything: "Let's start at the beginning. My name is Smirnoff and I'm a Soviet agent. That trip to Oslo in '69? You were right to be suspicious. I was meeting with my K.G.B. masters. And, yes, I still owe Hot Springs High a 55 cent library fine for 'To Kill a Mockingbird.'"

I would like to be more like Mark Twain.

Mr. Twain defended lying and rapped George Washington for setting the bar too high for leaders. "The spoken lie is of no consequence," he wrote, adding: "The silent colossal national lie that is the support and confederate of all the tyrannies and shams and inequalities and unfairnesses that afflict the peoples — that is the one to throw bricks and sermons at."

Mr. Twain referred to the "national lie" of slavery. But he could have been talking about Vietnam.

Whenever I read about Robert McNamara, I feel better about Bill Clinton.

For the next month, Bob Herbert's column will appear on Mondays and Thursdays.

ton. The President's lies are corrosive. But the former Defense Secretary's lies were deadly.

Mr. McNamara's second apology about Vietnam, "Argument Without End: In Search of Answers to the Vietnam Tragedy," will be published next spring. It is an account of his meetings with former leaders of North Vietnam, exploring how America could have avoided the war. His 1995 memoir, "In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam," was a best seller.

Shouldn't there be a "Son of Sam" law preventing Robert McNamara from profiting from books in which he finally grasps truths that were obvious to many Americans three decades ago, before all those names piled up on the Vietnam Wall?

I would like to be more like Geraldo. The NBC correspondent wants to cuddle the dysfunctional President. "Mr. President, we love you," Geral-

Smoke rings from Deneuve.

do said on "Rivera Live." "I want to hug you. I want to hug you, please do the right thing. This is nothing."

But, in the end, I can't really be like Geraldo or Deneuve or Twain or anyone else. I just have to muddle through with my own sober view that a lot has been lost here.

Watching Mr. Clinton in the Rose Garden on Thursday with James Brady, I was reminded of the good that a focused President can do. Without Mr. Clinton in 1993, the Brady bill, curtailing the sale of handguns and killer assault weapons, would not have passed.

If Mr. Clinton had not brought the Furies down on himself, through his reckless, selfish behavior, if he had not betrayed family and aides and allies with his vast carelessness, think of all he could have accomplished in his second term. Surely, if he had been operating at full throttle, he could have pushed through Senator John McCain's life-saving anti-tobacco legislation.

The last years of the Clinton Presidency will play like a reverse version of "It's a Wonderful Life" — a haunting vision of all the ways Bill Clinton could have made a difference in people's lives, but didn't.

Bonds, Genetic and Otherwise

By Janna Malamud Smith

How could I not be glad to know my birth?" So says Oedipus, in the 2,500-year-old play, still unaware of the terrible revelation to come: that his parents were not the people who had raised him. Well, past and present came together in a big way last week in a modern variation of the old story, as two families learned that their children, Rebecca Grace Chittum and Callie Marie Johnson, had been switched at birth.

Each family found out that for three years they had been raising, and calling their own, another family's child. Worse, but like some fateful punishment described by Sophocles, Rebecca Chittum's parents were killed in an automobile accident even as the mistake was being uncovered.

Now, one little girl has lost the people she knew as her mother and father, and the other has lost the "real" parents she never knew. A very contemporary child-support battle and DNA testing may have set this particular story in motion, but the issues are ancient. And it is exactly the crash of the modern into the timeless that shakes us.

"Then how could he love me so, if I was not his?" Oedipus demands when told that Polybos was not his father.

"Then why did he call me son?"

The questions Oedipus poignantly asks are at the heart of the matter. They are about the nature of the competing imperatives of genetics and love. We may not daily think much about it, but we all subliminally know that, like Oedipus, we serve two masters. One is our kin by genes, and the other is our family through love. Sometimes they overlap. But other times they co-exist restlessly, horses in one harness that pull toward different homes.

Like the wagon's uneasy driver, we often find ourselves to have arrived at unintended places. In fact, few issues are more salient in contemporary culture.

Janna Malamud Smith, a clinical social worker, is the author of "Private Matters."

We have witnessed a flood of memoirs and talk show revelations that repeatedly describe the stark failures of "real" families to love children adequately or keep them safe. At the same time, we struggle with a thousand questions about how much weight to give the claims of genes.

Does Baby M belong to her birth mother, or to the parents who commissioned the pregnancy? Should a child stay with her foster parents who love her, or should she be adopted by the genetic grandparents whom she has never met? What should we do when a man who once sold his sperm to a sperm bank tries to search for the child anonymously conceived from his seed? Or, as in the 1996 movie "Secrets and Lies," how should we respond if the daughter we long ago gave up for adoption, the child of an embarrassing or unchosen sexual encounter, decides to look us up?

We might all at moments, like

What a baby-switching case says about love.

Shakespeare's exasperated Henry IV, wish we could switch our unruly son for our friend's perfectly behaved child. "O that it could be proved/ that some night-tripping fairy had exchanged/ In cradle-clothes our children where they lay.... Then would I have his Harry, and be mine." But in truth, given the chance, would we do it? And could we bear the consequences if we did?

Matters are complicated further by the fact that at least until they are grown, and sometimes forever, children must rely on adults to tell them about their paternity and maternity. When, early in "The Odyssey," Athena asks Telemachus if he is Odysseus's son, he answers simply: "My mother says I am his son; I know not surely. Who has known his own engendering?" He cannot know — none of us can know — who we "are" unless someone tells us.

Or at least we couldn't until recently, when DNA testing came on

the scene. In March, Paula Johnson, mother of Callie, took her former boyfriend Carlton Conley to court to try to make him pay more child support. The judge ordered DNA testing. On July 2 the tests revealed that not only was Mr. Conley not the father of this child, but Ms. Johnson was not her mother.

"It's been absolutely devastating," Ms. Johnson said. "I mean, there are just no words that can describe every way that I feel."

Whatever else, it seems that we have some hard thinking to do about DNA testing. Certainly it is noteworthy that a matter of so much awe has become a routine lab result. Seeing the shock and deep emotion engendered by the unintended consequences of what has become an almost casual court order, it is tempting to join locusts, Oedipus's wife and mother, in her plea, "For God's sake, let us have no more questioning." But that's not likely, and probably ultimately not desirable.

Over the years, as a psychotherapist and as a neighbor, I have heard many stories — not about the results of DNA testing per se, but about the confusion that results for adults when they are unexpectedly told that their uncle was really their father or that their sister was really their mother. And, conversely, I have heard many times from people shy confessions of how they loved a neighbor more than a parent, or an adopted child more than one to whom they gave birth. What can we do, hearing such news, but listen respectfully and with real interest?

Sometimes, as the shady lawyer claims in Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle," "of all ties, the ties of blood are strongest." Other times, like the play's judge, we recognize that our only chance for real justice comes in honoring love over blood. So, too, sometimes the truth frees us; sometimes it devastates.

This is the complexity we have to live in and have always had to live in. Science offers us DNA testing, cloning and in vitro fertilization. But as often as these techniques lift us out of one human dilemma, they drop us straight into another. If we had access to Solomon's DNA, would it offer us his wisdom? All the signs suggest that we will need it.

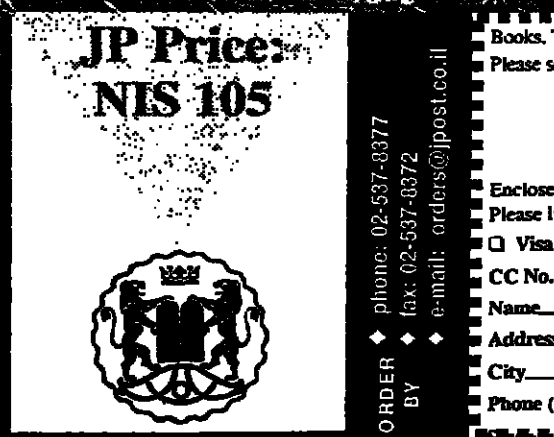
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THE ARTS

So What's All the Fuss About 'Keeping It Real?'

By MARK KEMP

IN the lobby of MTV's headquarters in Times Square on a recent weekday, a young man in sneakers, warm-up pants and a T-shirt emblazoned with the Nike logo bumped into a friend coming out of an elevator. "What's up?" he asked, to which the friend replied, "Oh, just keeping it real." The expression has become something of a mantra among the hip-hop set, intended as an affirmation of one's cultural integrity.

But this notion of authenticity in contemporary popular music is hardly restricted to hip-hop. Since the late 1980's, reality in music — whether expressed through lyrical journalism, true-life confession or strict stylistic adherence to one's heritage — has become the standard against which one's artistic integrity is measured. If a pop musician chooses to adopt a role that deviates from his or her experience, that artist is often seen as dishonest.

Take Gillian Welch, a talented singer and songwriter whose old-time country and folk ballads have roused inordinately harsh commentary from even the most perceptive music critics. In her songs, the 30-year-old Ms. Welch adopts personas that have little in common with her own background; she was reared in Hollywood by parents who composed music for television series like "The Carol Burnett Show." In a pan of the singer's 1996 debut album, "Revival," a reviewer for Rolling Stone magazine excoriated Ms. Welch for stepping outside her cultural, economic and geographic frame of reference. The singer's second album, "Hell Among the Yearlings," which was released two weeks ago, has already come under fire for the same offense. In a review that mildly praised the record, a Los Angeles Times writer offered this caveat: "The Appalachian sounds, subject matter and syntax still seem a bit suspect coming from a Los Angeles-raised singer-songwriter."

The issue of authenticity has long been a topic of debate among critics of the arts, particularly in popular music, in which the line between art and commerce is blurrier than it is in other fields. But at this late date, it seems critics have lost sight of the meaning of authenticity. Which is more genuine, the artist who is committed to the art of artifice or the one who uses real tragedy to land a hit single? Strictly using the facts of an artist's background as a barometer of his or her honesty not only has become tedious but is also downright lazy thinking.

Henry Louis Gates Jr. once began an essay on the subject with an anecdote about a bet that the jazz trumpeter Roy Eldridge had made with the music writer Leonard Feather. Mr. Eldridge claimed he could tell a white musician from a black musician simply by listening to the music. Mr. Feather performed a blindfold test on Mr. Eldridge, who failed to identify a particular musician's race more than half the time.

Mr. Gates went on to cite several cases of authors who, in their writing, have successfully taken artistic license with cultural differences. "The lesson of the literary blindfold test is not that our social identities don't matter," Mr. Gates concluded, adding that it merely suggests that "no human culture is inaccessible to someone who makes the effort to understand, to learn, to inhabit another world." Indeed, the compassionate creation of artifice — the

ability of an artist to humbly immerse himself or herself into a totally different frame of reference — is perhaps the most highly evolved form of artistic expression.

One songwriter who made that effort almost three decades ago is John Fogerty, who was born and reared in a working-class household in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1969, when most young San Francisco musicians were experimenting with psychedelic rock-and-roll, Mr. Fogerty wrote a spare, blues-based song for his band, Creedence Clearwater Revival, called "Born on the Bayou." Today, that song is considered a classic.

Gillian Welch sings old-fashioned ballads, but critics won't let her forget that she grew up in Hollywood.

Mr. Fogerty went on to write a string of similar hit singles whose lyrical and musical ideas were based in and around the backwoods of Mississippi and Louisiana, and Creedence Clearwater Revival is remembered and revered for being one of the more honest rock acts of the late 60's and early 70's.

Young fans of Mr. Fogerty are often surprised to learn that the singer and songwriter made his first trip to the Mississippi Delta only two years ago. During Mr. Fogerty's comeback performance in New York a couple of years ago, a young woman in the audience responded to the news of the artist's recent pilgrimage down south with a furrowed brow. Not only was she unaware that Mr. Fogerty had just recently visited the region that had inspired so many of his songs, but she presumed he had, indeed, been born on the bayou. It was an honest mistake. The passion in Mr. Fogerty's sandpaper vocal delivery, swamp-boogie guitar sound and eerie, hypnotic melodies suggest that his connection to the Deep South is authentic. And in a sense, it is. When Mr. Fogerty walked away from the grave site of the blues legend Robert Johnson with a resolve to continue sharing his own early songs with younger listeners, the singer's experience was no less real than Mr. Johnson's apocryphal pact with the Devil — wherein he chose the blues life style over a more conventional existence — at a lonesome Mississippi crossroads many decades ago.

Gillian Welch's biggest crime is that she has chosen a form of musical appropriation that is no longer fashionable. For example, many of the critics who have condemned Ms. Welch for adopting the sound of Appalachian folk music applaud the clever musical role-play of artists like Jon Spencer, the Brown University-educated founder of the late-80's New York noise-rock band Pussy Galore and current leader of an experimental post-punk band he calls Blues Explosion. The difference between Mr. Spencer's mimicry and Ms. Welch's is that what Mr. Spencer brings to his amalgamation of Elvis



John Patrick Sullivan

The High and Lonesome Sound: Gillian Welch has long admired, and been influenced by, the bluegrass of the legendary Stanley Brothers.

Presley, James Brown and Chicago-style blues — humor, irreverence, cheekiness — is fairly obvious. Mr. Spencer's interpretation of those artists and styles is not reprehensible to critics, although his mocking of Presley's "Thank You Very Much" might be viewed as condescending. When Mr. Spencer's music works, however, one gets the feeling he's genuinely passionate about the music that has inspired him. The same can be said of Ms. Welch, though her personal stamp on the music is more subtle.

It was while Ms. Welch was attending the University of California at Santa Cruz that she discovered the high, lonesome bluegrass sound of the Stanley Brothers and became an ardent fan of the music. But she didn't begin performing it until after she transferred to the Berklee College of Music in Boston, where she met her current musical partner, David Rawlings. In 1992, Ms. Welch and Mr. Rawlings moved to Nashville, and within a year Ms. Welch had won a songwriting award at an annual North Carolina bluegrass festival in honor of Merle Watson, the son of the legendary flat picker Doc Watson.

The award was an acknowledgment that Ms. Welch's mimicry was not unlike Creedence Clearwater Revival's. In "Caleb Meyer," the opening track of "Hell Among the Yearlings," her pinched alto moans through the humid hum of an old-time acoustic guitar chord progression like a phantom in the mist of a

Smoky Mountain morning. "He threw me in the needle bed/ Across my dress he lay," Ms. Welch sings. "Then he pinned my hands/ Above my head/ And I commenced to pray."

The first-person protagonist of Ms. Welch's song may be a young girl from a time and place that Ms. Welch will never fully understand,

but the feelings the singer expresses about rape, and the respect she displays for her chosen musical genre, are nothing if not poignantly authentic. Likewise, it matters not whether Ms. Welch has ever walked the streets of "the black dust towns of East Tennessee" about which she sings in "Miner's Refrain" because the sense of foreboding that she ex-

presses for the men who once labored in coal mines with futile hopes of a better life comes through loud and clear.

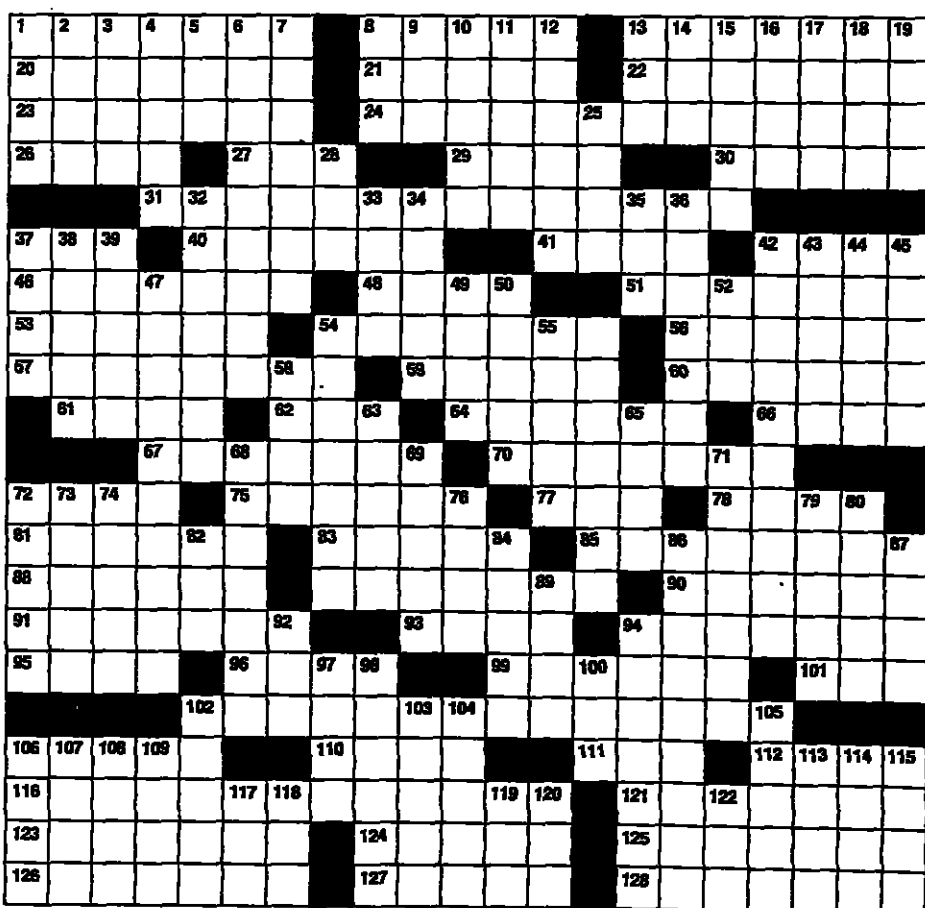
In her music, Ms. Welch makes the effort that Mr. Gates speaks of in his essay, to learn about and to understand a world that she could never otherwise experience. In doing so, she keeps it about as real as it gets.

VICIOUS CIRCLE

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ACROSS

- 1 Launch of July 1962
8 The "E" in E.L. Doctorow
13 Rattles, for I-Across
20 Trapped
21 1930's-40's director Zoltan
22 Secondary result
23 Hardly used
24 Writer who said "Satire is what closes Saturday night"
26 Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon
27 Sundial letters
29 Junglike
30 Ere
31 "I wish you a meretricious and a happy New Year" poet
37 Mom-and-pop grp.
40 Kind of conder
41 Dealer's nemesis
42 Smart
46 Patches again
48 One of the Allies of W.W. II
51 O
53 Anxious
54 Where the smart set sat [answer to be entered in the appropriate manner]
56 Green, maybe
57 1966 movie that won Best Original Score
59 Novel by 47-Down
60 Universités
61 Island in French Polynesia
62 Gov. Landon
64 "— on \$45 a Day"
66 A reduced state
67 Park toy
70 Made for a mortise
72 Binary
73 Thoroughly confine
77 Plaza abbr.
78 Handlebar feature
81 Bun, for one
83 Japanese portal
85 Prairie-like
88 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
90 French filter
91 Center or end
93 Snick-or
94 Taras Bulba, notably
95 Munich's river
96 Matador's opponent
98 Like some diets
101 Word before "loves me" and "loves me not"
102 "From Bed to Worse" writer
106 Floor
110 Eastern pooh-bah
111 Games grp.
112 — American
116 She said "You can lead a horticulture, but you can't make her think"
121 More eccentric



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124 Zaps, in a way
125 Treater's words
126 Nocturnal noisemaker
127 Upriver spawner
128 Reversion
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2 Site of Vance Air Force Base
3 Camp locale
4 Rock layer
5 Lot
6 With 86-Down, Wit's End resident called "Old Vintrol and Vintrol"
7 Goes back to the start
8 Hosp. test
9 Mr. X
10 In the majority?
11 Leaking
12 Loose overcoat
13 Name as a price
14 Grant giver, for short
15 Waters
16 Back talk
17 Sack
18 Brand of dandruff
19 Neck band?
25 Collection of legends
26 Whom "I Like"
32 Summoned, as a butler

- 33 Island southeast of Borneo
34 Schools for engrg.
35 "What — the odds?"
36 "Papillon" star
37 "No —" (slangy O.K.)
38 Dyth
39 "Tis — bagatelle"
42 Editor who "looked like a dishonest Abe Lincoln"
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44 Buntines, e.g.
45 Pigtail
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49 Nursery rhyme residence
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52 Dean Smith's sch.
55 Buenos —
58 Leisure
63 One facing life, maybe
65 Smut
68 Loner
69 East wind, in Greek myth
71 Chanel fragrance
72 Hot dog garnish
73 Haven
74 Casualty of 1997
76 Subatomic particle
79 Abstractions
80 Gorgeous Georgian?
82 J.F.K. or F.D.R.

- 84 Sherlock's lady friend
86 See 8-Down
87 52-Down rival
88 It's a gas
92 Bean
94 — Mounds (Illinois historical site)
97 Collect
98 They may be vital
100 Chem. or biol.
102 So out it's in
103 Guitar sound
104 Winner of a noted 1978 Supreme Court case
105 Comedian Smirnoff
106 Wife of Esau
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108 Medea rode on it
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113 Done, in Verdun
114 Sleep phenomena
115 Utah city
117 Turn left
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120 Alphabetic sequence
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Swamp Boogie: John Fogerty offers Mississippi Delta blues by way of San Francisco.



Barbara Saltzman reads 'The Jester Has Lost His Jingle' to young cancer patients. In the book, the Jester saves the world by making a young cancer patient laugh.

The Jester never dies

David Saltzman's family promised him that they would publish his book after he died. That book — about a Jester who brings happiness back to a world that is cold and lonely — is now inspiring other youngsters with cancer, Libby Ingrid Copeland reports

Imagine you have a son, 22 years old, bright, vibrant, ambitious. He dies of a massive tumor that invades his lungs, leaving a grieving family and one final creation — a children's book he wished to see published.

Imagine you publish this book (with your own money), bring it across the country (on your own steam), make it into a success in the twin grim worlds of self-publishing and children's books.

What then? Could you stand to see the story end? Today she's had only orange juice and coffee. It's 1 p.m. when Barbara Saltzman pulls a bundled hotel napkin from one of her black bags; inside are five English-muffin halves, stale from humidity.

That's lunch and she's off. Saltzman, 57, one-time entertainment editor at the *Los Angeles Times* and lifelong workaholic, has had nine readings, four television appearances, meetings with three senators and a four-day American Library Association convention in seven days.

"She's Joan of Arc now," says Saltzman's friend of 36 years, Anita Fisher. "This is a religious mission almost." Driving, Saltzman tells anecdotes. She laughs a lot. She gets lost and does not get mad. To keep her sense of humor, she thinks of David.

David Saltzman. He was handsome and he shone. He spent the summer before his senior year of college studying in Greece and as his mother remembers, he was tanned — "a Greek god." That was the summer he conceived of the book, *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*, that would become his mother's life.

"When you have children, your life is changed forever, but I never thought my life would be so transformed as it has been since David's illness and death," says Saltzman. "It's taken on a whole new meaning and texture."

In Palos Verdes Estates, a suburb of Los Angeles, there is a house that has been overtaken by a jester: a cheerful red-clothed, red-hooded, bell-laden figure and all of his trappings, the books and dolls and pins. In David's children's book, the

Jester's mission is to bring happiness back to a world that is "cold and lonely." The Saltzmans — Barbara, Joe and their son Michael — feel the Jester, the central character, embodies his father.

Like the David they loved, he is blond, and funny and continually raising people's spirits. Despite a world turned gloomy at the start of the book, the Jester "was still happy and bubbled with joy for he played with life as you play with a toy." He would dance to its rhythm, being light on his feet. He would sing to its tune, which was gentle and sweet.

Banished from his kingdom when the king no longer finds him funny, the Jester saves the world by making a young cancer patient laugh. (Incredibly, David thought up the story before he discovered the tumor in his lungs.) The story's moral has to do with the individual's power to find happiness within, happiness in the face of circumstance.

David, Saltzman says, "always had the facility to walk into a room and light it up." She believes her purpose is to bring her late son's creation to children across the country.

You should see their faces, says Joe Saltzman. When they learn of David's struggle, "kids take this message and say, if David can do it ... I can do this." He continues, "It's a way of introducing David to people who never knew him."

It started with a dry cough. His mother first noticed it sometime before his summer trip to Greece. No big deal — he was prone to bronchitis — but the cough didn't go away. She nagged him to go to the doctor. At school there were night sweats, a low-grade temperature, fatigue. In early October he

went to the doctor and discovered he had Hodgkin's disease.

It was in a fairly advanced stage, Saltzman says, but Hodgkin's has a high survival rate, and her son had incredible vitality. Michael Saltzman says that as a child he was amazed by the "ferocity" of his brother's spirit. "David could will himself into a better mood." They thought maybe he could beat it.

"When you have children, your life is changed forever, but I never thought my life would be so transformed as it has been since David's illness and death"

— Barbara Saltzman

David stayed at Yale his senior year, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy, taking classes, giving tours of the campus and working on his children's book. The disease went into remission briefly when he graduated and then came back. He returned home, had a bone marrow transplant.

At home, his parents set up the garage as a studio for David. He was going to finish that book. And he did.

"I was protective and nurturing and guiding without being over-

whelming, I hope," she says — then momentarily departing from her careful poise — "and I was gonna be damned if I was gonna let anybody destroy the essence of him ... which was this book." David's family promised him they would publish the book after his death, and they did. They published it themselves when the big houses wouldn't take it, when they said its length, rhyme and proposed high quality were expensive and unmarketable.

Barbara Saltzman, her husband Joe, a journalism professor at the University of Southern California, and Michael, a writer and executive producer at NBC, paid for the first run of 30,000 copies with a \$250,000 second mortgage and donations from friends. They incorporated as the Jester Co. in 1994.

Since the book's first printing in late 1995, they've sold 250,000 copies. Says Diane Robuck, children's book editor at *Publishers Weekly*, that is "an impressive number of copies for a book that's only been out three years, especially given the fact that it's self-published." In March 1996, less than a year after the book's first printing, it hit No. 16 on the New York Times best seller list.

With proceeds from *The Jester*, the Saltzmans pay their costs and tiny staff of four, and fund donations of the book, mainly to pediatric cancer clinics around the country. Either directly or through other organizations, they've donated 25,000 books thus far.

For now all the money they make from the \$20 book goes directly into manufacturing and operating costs to keep it in print; they must pay all their production costs up front. Saltzman quit her job in 1996. She draws no salary. She does this full time.

This, meaning the traveling and readings and donations. This, meaning five to 10 days away from home each month — days spent in hospitals and schools and bookstores in San Francisco, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Dallas, Portland, Ore., Oklahoma City and Washington.

This is the television shows (*Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *CNN Today*), the rental cars, the getting lost, the stale muffins, the early mornings and full days. She is a one-woman public relations, advertising and promotions crew.

She drives a van complete with the Jester and his scepter sidekick Pharley, the book's main characters, painted on its side. People pull up on the highway, says Joe Saltzman, roll down their windows and yell, "We love your book!"

This devotion explains much of the book's success. As one industry insider says, "It would be unrealistic to expect any publishing house to give (the book) this kind of attention." Saltzman tells of people who approach her at readings and conventions, tearful sometimes, and grateful. They have lost mothers and sons and daughters. They tell of illnesses and accidents and the years afterward, and they ask her, "How do you cope with it?" "I don't believe in burying it," Saltzman says of her grief. Yes, she misses David, desperately sometimes, most of all on happy occasions — at Michael's wedding, at the birth of her granddaughter.

Yet this work is her balm. "It energizes me," Saltzman plans to translate the book into other languages, and expand the Jester line into toys, clothing, a cartoon show, a drama.

She wants to publish David's journals and some of his unfinished kids' books. She wants Jester Co. to continue past her lifetime.

In his author's note to *The Jester*, David Saltzman writes of the day he learned of his cancer. In the midst of crying, he suddenly imagined the Jester. At the Jester's suggestion David began to laugh, marveling at "how silly and scary and wonderful this world of ours is."

(The Washington Post)

No 'us' and 'them' in Kfar Adumim

Religious and secular Jews living together in perfect harmony?

This I had to see. Kfar Adumim is so impossible utopian that they have only one shul. With about 300 families in the hilltop community perched above Wadi Kelt, there should be, as the old joke goes, about 301 shuls.

Even more remarkable, there is but one school. Their parents may be leftists, their parents may be hard-core, but all the children learn together, and what they learn, ultimately, is Advanced Tolerance.

It didn't happen by chance. "Kfar Adumim was founded on the basis of religious-secular integration," says Rabbi Reuven Grodner. "It's in the charter."

There are two or three families of the Meretz type, and two or three of the haredi persuasion, and a few who voted for Mokedet. But the vast majority range from "more observant to less observant."

"You don't have to fight for your way of life," says Gabi Antebi. "We eat kosher, but we travel on Shabbat. The only place

success. "No, no," Janis exclaims. "Not committees; committees, respect."

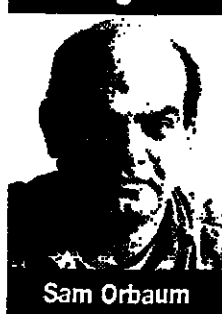
Janis couldn't describe herself as either religious or secular. A bit of both, in fact.

Imagine the foofaraw if an Orthodox shul went up in Ramat Aviv, or if a pool was installed in Mea She'arim. Here, far from the clamor of the warring tribes, the seculars unquestioningly shared the cost of building the shul ... and the religious families paid for half the cost of the pool.

"We call it our shul-pool tax," cracks Reuven. As long as we're rhyming, what about the school? That may be their crowning glory. With a population too small to support two systems, they've created a hybrid.

"It's an issue that touches the heart of every family that lives here," says Reuven, Orthodox and a former New Yorker. "How can you have a mixed yishuv that only has one school? So we have a national-religious school with a dual track. After third grade the children are all in the same class,

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Sam Orbaum

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For Israelis, this sort of coexistence is something of an eye-opener; for immigrants — and there are many here — this is how they lived in the Diaspora, where Jews are not hyphenated.

"The bottom line," says Shkediya Cohen, a sabra and Orthodox, "is we have to see ourselves as being on the same side."

Ian Friedman (ex-Johannesburg, Orthodox; the newest resident here) gathers his thoughts.

"People choose this community because they want to be exposed to a religious influence, but don't want to lose their non-religious lifestyle."

He nods to the spectacular landscape out the window. "It's not just because of the view."

Remarkably, there have been no unsolvable confrontations.

"We talk things out," Chaya Grodner says with a shrug, as if such goodwill is so easy to come by in this riven land. "Sure, everyone pulls their claws out once in a while, at a neighbor, or in the street. But that's human nature."

The biggest clash in the community's 19-year history had nothing to do with religion or politics, but growth. Some want to keep Kfar Adumim small and cozy, intimately exurban; others want to emulate nearby Ma'aleh Adumim, with its population of upwards of 20,000.

The debate went on for months. They voted: small won out.

Another disagreement was which youth movement to court. Shkediya pushed hard for Bnei Akiva, which wasn't interested. Another debate. The solution: the religious branch of the secular Scouts. Perfect.

Is everything debated, discussed, put to a vote?

"Unfortunately," says Chicagoan Janis Ben-David, grinning. There's no governing body, just a lot of committees. That, then, must be the secret to

but certain subjects are optional. While some kids are learning Talmud or Gemara, other kids will learn music, art, whatever. The class will divide for that hour."

Still, the Orthodox feel their greatest compromise is in education. Their children do not attain the same levels as others do in a strictly religious neighborhood.

And Janis invokes Kafka: "By being mixed, the school can't get support from the government. Because the government, or the religious part, doesn't want to support schools that have secular families in it. For example, we don't have computers in our school. We can't get anybody to help us get them, because we're a mixed school. It won't come from this side, and it won't come from that side."

Instead of support, Kfar Adumim is penalized. Mind you, the Knesset did give the community its Best Quality of Life Award, in 1985.

The shul is another hybrid based on good will. It doesn't take wise men of Chelm to figure out a solution, just common sense: the style of prayer is dictated by whoever happens to be hazan. Yemenites, Moroccans, Americans and Belgians happily pray together, as if they were one people. Who'd have thought it possible?

Reuven credits Rabbi Gavriel Goldman for making the whole thing work.

"It is not an easy thing to be the rabbi of a community of this sort. He has to satisfy the needs of a most heterogeneous population. The rabbi could be a very uniting figure, or a divisive one; if he didn't have this personality, the community might have been split a long time ago."

The overriding symbol of this special community is a jar in Gabi's kitchen. It's the ultimate in Jewish compromise.

"For when religious people come over," she laughs, "I keep on hand some parve milk."

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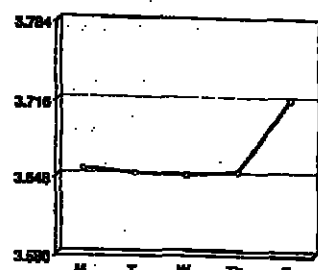
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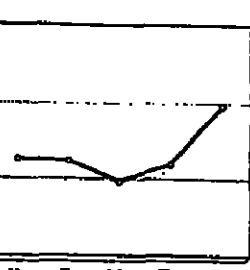
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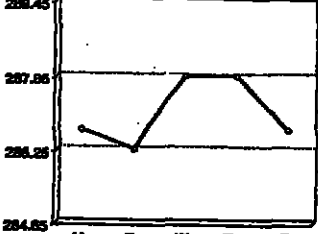


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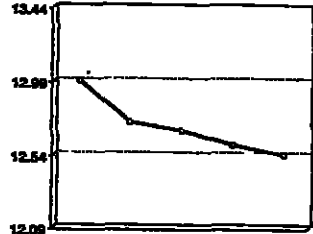
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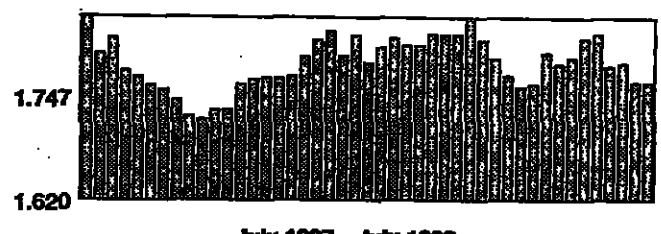


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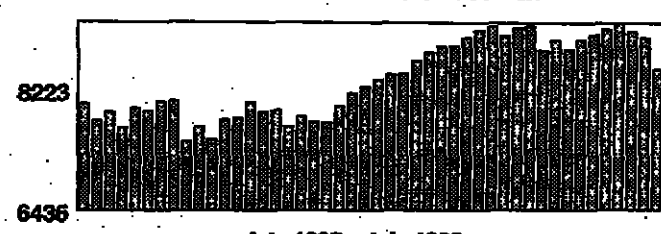
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Teva receives generic approval from FDA

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries yesterday reported that it has received US Food and Drug Administration approval for the manufacturing and marketing of Diclofenac Potassium, a generic version of the Cataflam rheumatism treatment. Cataflam, which is marketed by Novartis, the world's largest health care company, has annual sales of over \$100 million. Israel's largest pharmaceutical company said it is the first to receive such a generic approval.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Report: Iraq to pump oil through Syria

Iraqi Oil Minister Amer Rasheed said Iraq will soon start pumping oil through a pipeline that runs through Iraq and Syria to the Mediterranean port of Baniyas, Egypt's official news agency, MENA, reported yesterday. The Iraqi oil minister said the pipeline, which Syria closed in 1982 when its ally, Iran, was at war with Iraq, will be reopened after the necessary repairs are completed.

Iraq is likely to export up to 1.6 million barrels a day under a UN-sponsored oil-for-food program until the end of this year, when new equipment to rehabilitate Iraq's oil fields is expected to arrive.

The pipeline agreement violates UN restrictions on Iraqi oil exports, the US State Department said last month. Bloomberg

Report: Investment in high tech up 70% in 1st half

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Investments in Israeli high-tech companies rose 70 percent during the first half of the year, according to the Money Tree Survey conducted by accounting firm Kesselman & Kesselman/Coopers & Lybrand.

The report shows that at least \$276 million was invested in local technology companies by venture capitalists, compared with \$162m. in the first six months of 1997.

The survey is based on figures given by 41 Israeli and 12 American venture capital funds, which invested together some \$155m.

The report indicates, however, that invest-

ments decreased in the second quarter to \$120.5m. from \$155.6m. in the first quarter. One reason for the decline is that US funds have invested only \$2.4m. in the second quarter as against \$13.5m. in the first quarter of the year.

Another finding is that investments in companies which are at the "seed stage" fell during the first half to \$11m. from \$18m. a year earlier. The sharpest decrease in seed investments was in the second quarter, in which investments fell to \$3.4m.

Kesselman said that investment in communications and medical equipment continued to rise in the first half. At the same time investments in software companies rose 66% to

\$65m.

The report shows that 76% of investments were made in Tel Aviv and its surroundings, while 13% were made in Haifa and the North. Investment in Jerusalem and its environs totaled only 9%. The report notes, however, that 60% of investment in Haifa and Jerusalem were in medical equipment, with Tel Aviv taking the lead in all other fields.

Israeli technology venture capital funds raised \$578 million in 1997 as against \$402m. a year earlier. According to a report by the Israel Venture Association, funds hold currently some \$740m. for further investment in high-tech companies.

Clal to invest \$50m. in Poland

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Clal Israel is about to complete a deal for investment of \$50 million in a real estate project in Poland, Isaac Kaul, Clal's president and CEO told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The move will also involve Israeli companies B.S.R. Engineers and Amniet Management and Systems, which have already been active in Eastern Europe.

Earlier this year, the companies invested some \$20m. in a real estate project in Prague, Kaul said. In addition, Clal has signed last week an agreement with a Hungarian company for joint investments in the local property market.

The move is in line with Clal's new strategic plan which calls for investments of \$1 billion to develop its business over the next five years. Israel's second largest holding company is also planning to conduct 20 percent of its activities abroad.

According to Kaul, government restrictions and the activity of the Anti-Trust Authority prevents the company from expanding its activity here. "The trend abroad is that large groups are merging," he said. "But our hands are tied."

Kaul said that the company will focus in its activities overseas on sectors in which it has a relative advantage. He added that Clal is also interested in buying stakes in government companies in infrastructure, transport, and environment.

Referring to decision of the Bank of Israel last week to reduce interest rates, Kaul said that "the move is right but it was done too late."



Guarding against Pakistani strikers

A policeman keeps guard in Karachi, during a strike by the Pakistan Organization of Small Traders against the new General Sales Tax (GST). The tax was imposed by the Pakistani government after sanctions were placed on the country following its nuclear tests earlier this year.

(AP)

Ministers line up '99 spending demands

By DAVID HARRIS

The Treasury today faces its toughest test so far this year when the cabinet has an opportunity to give its views on the Finance Ministry's plans for economic growth in 1999.

Both today and tomorrow the cabinet will discuss the proposed budgetary arrangements bill, which includes plans to cut unemployment benefits and freeze the minimum wage, ideas already objected to by the "social" ministers.

Several ministers are making demands which if met would require the government breaking the Budget Deficit Law, which sets the 1999 deficit target at two percent of the gross domestic product (GDP), or some NIS 7.8

billion. Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky, whose Yisrael Ba'aliya party is threatening to vote against the budget if it fails to meet their demands, yesterday presented its proposals for the budget. In Sharansky's opinion it is possible to reach 3.5%-4% economic growth next year, compared to the Treasury's 2.5% forecast. To achieve this, the inflation target should be relaxed to 4%-6% instead of the 4% announced last week by Finance Minister Yankov Neeman. Furthermore, he is demanding the government breach its budget deficit target, leaving it unchanged from this year's 2.4% of GDP.

The Treasury's predictions for limited growth and continuing high unemployment are the result of a badly composed budget, according to Sharansky. He also called on the Treasury to present accurate figures during today's debate, that will indicate what can and cannot be done to rescue the economy. Among the figures requested are the amounts that will remain unspent from this year's budget and the division of next

year's budget as it will affect the business sector.

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday gave Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu his proposals for reducing unemployment on a temporary basis by 2,600 this year, 17,000 in 1999, and 50,000 in 2000. The plan is based on:

- The immediate creation of visitor centers in Caesarea, Acre, Beit She'an, Masada, the Golan, Negev, and elsewhere. These centers would require 1,000 workers, with the cost estimated at NIS 186.5 million.

- A further NIS 45m. investment to take on 1,500 workers at archaeological sites.
- Renovating open-air markets in Jerusalem, Ramle, Tel Aviv, and Arab areas at a cost of NIS 42m. to employ 85 people.
- Increasing the number of tourists by 500,000, which would lead to the creation of some 17,000 additional jobs. The ministry is calling on the Treasury to increase its marketing budget next year by NIS 150m. ahead of the millennium celebrations.

The various programs being proposed by cabinet members led the

Bank of Israel to publish two papers warning against spending as a solution to the growing unemployment.

"The use of [government] employment schemes, which have no economic justification must be avoided," according to the bank's research department. A more concrete contribution could be the expulsion of foreign workers. Reducing their number by 10,000 would allow for the creation of some 5,000-8,000 jobs for Israelis.

Treasury to unveil tax reforms next month

The Treasury will present the cabinet with its proposals for reforming the tax system early next month, a ministry official said yesterday. "We're trying very hard to ensure the changes take effect on January 1," said the official. "We'll be presenting our proposals to the cabinet as soon as the ministers approve the budget."

The vote on the state budget is set for the end of the month, and the official confirmed that in early September the Treasury hopes to submit its plans to reduce the tax burden, while widening the tax base by abolishing billions of shekels of exemptions.

He rejected the suggestion that MKs will vote en masse against the plan. "People will be presently surprised," he said. "There's a lot of criticism in advance, yet no one has seen the proposals."

Treasury officials met again yesterday in a bid to finalize the plan. Finance Minister Yankov Neeman maintains a sweeping reform of the system is one of the keys to improving economic growth. D.H.

PA ministry: We prefer free-trade agreement with Israel

By NINA GILBERT

A free-trade agreement is the preferable economic arrangement with Israel for the Palestinians, according to Palestinian Authority Economics and Trade Ministry Director-General for Trade Sa'eb Bamyas. This kind of agreement "would give the Palestinians independence in free-trade policy," he said, while moving forward to a multilateral, regional, free-trade system. "It will enable the PA to set its own tariffs with third partners at less than those set by Israel, to reflect Palestinian development priorities... Palestine will thus be able to develop new markets... and have the advantage of becoming more competitive in the region with regard to imports for production which may be obtained at the most attractive prices," he said.

Bamyas was speaking at a round table discussion on future Israeli-Palestinian trade relations on Thursday sponsored by the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information. In May 1994, Israel and the PA signed the Paris Agreement, determining the economic relationship during the interim period. The agreement is to expire next year.

The Israeli viewpoint was presented by Dan Carativas, the Finance Ministry deputy director-general for international affairs.

Carativas said the sides must find a workable agreement that will maximize economic benefits and minimize bureaucracy. As far as Israel sees it, he said, there are three options for a trade relationship with the Palestinians: a MFN relationship, a customs union, or a free-trade agreement.

All three have advantages and disadvantages, he said. A free trade area, for example, would create the incentive to smuggle goods which could be imported to the PA at more attractive prices than in Israel. At the same time, he said, the sides should be creative in reaching a model.

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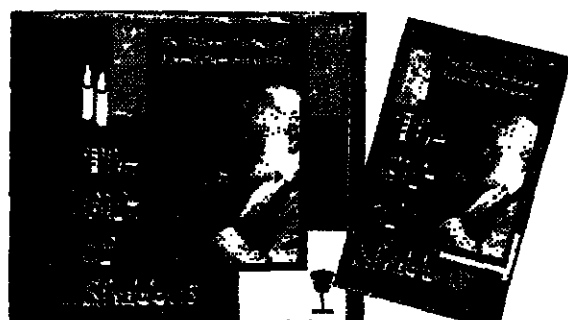
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TASE surges after rate cut, led by exporters

The country's main stock index posted its largest one-day gain in almost 10 months yesterday, as banks and exporters rose after a surprise interest-rate cut trimmed the shekel's value and boosted prospects for economic growth.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, an exporter of generic drugs, gained 16.2 percent to NIS136.7 after receiving approval to market a new product in the U.S. That helped the Maof Index of 25 the largest companies to surge 5.96 percent to 343.52, with all securities gaining.

It's the biggest one-day rise since the index surged 7.4 percent on October 29 last year.

The central bank late on Thursday cut interest rates 1.5 percentage points to 9.5 percent, citing decisions by the Finance Ministry to set an inflation target of 4 percent for 1999 and to alter the shekel trading mechanism. The interest rate reduction, which brings the total drop for the key lending rate this year to 3.9 percentage points, prompted the



Maof 343.52

shekel to devalue 1.78 percent against the dollar on Friday.

"Everyone will benefit from a reduction in interest rates," said Hador Oshrat, a trader at Ilanot Bank's Investments. "It was a surprise at the end of the trading session on Thursday."

Banks stocks rose as lower interest rates are expected to boost the loan portfolios of banks as cheaper credit encourages borrowing and reduces the level of loan defaults. Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank, gained 4.9 percent to NIS

11.05; Bank Leumi, the second-largest bank, rose 5.2 percent to NIS 7.23; and First International Bank of Israel, the fifth-largest bank, advanced 5.3 percent to NIS 2.60.

"Banks are expected to lend more money, because people want to do business," said Mark Meir, managing director of Pacific Mediterranean Investments.

The Tel Aviv-100 Index of largest companies gained 5.82 percent to 328.81.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 335.8m. of shares were traded, more than double the July average. Almost 14 shares gained for every security that dropped.

The shekel devaluation on Friday is expected to benefit companies that sell their products outside Israel, because their foreign currency earnings will be worth more when converted into shekels. The shekel doesn't trade on Sunday.

(Bloomberg)

73,000 Bell Atlantic workers walk out

By KAE INOUE and CHRISTINE HARPER

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Some 73,000 Bell Atlantic Corp. workers walked off the job yesterday after management and leaders of the Communications Workers of America failed to reach a contract settlement before a midnight strike deadline, the company said.

The CWA, meanwhile, said it reached agreement for a new three-year contract at Atlanta-based BellSouth Corp., where it represents 48,000 workers, or more than half the workforce.

Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. has also reached a tentative contract agreement, while Denver-based US West Inc.

has another week to negotiate. Contract negotiations are taking place as the US phone companies face increased competition and a wave of mergers. The strike at Bell Atlantic, which agreed last month to buy GTE Corp. for \$66.66 billion, could cause service delays for customers in northeastern states trying to place collect calls or use directory assistance.

"Contingency plans have been initiated for managers to report to

work this morning to do everything possible to minimize any impact on our customers," the company said.

Some 22,000 workers affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers extended their contract and will continue to work.

CWA President Morton Bahr said in a statement that the union wants to stop "good permanent jobs from being outsourced and converted into temporary jobs at low pay and minimal benefits." It estimates that two-thirds of the jobs created at

New York-based Bell Atlantic in the past three years have gone to non-union subsidiaries.

It's also trying to win CWA workers access to jobs in the company's "new growth areas," such as Internet services, multimedia, data networking, and long distance.

"The biggest issue at Bell Atlantic is the shifting of jobs at new subsidiaries and blocking our members from having any opportunity to move into them," Candice Johnson, a spokeswoman for the CWA, said yesterday.

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Arsenal captain Tony Adams holds up the Charity Shield as goalkeeper David Seaman waves to supporters at Wembley yesterday. (Reuters)

Overmars sets Arsenal up for emphatic Charity Shield win

LONDON (Reuters) — Double winners Arsenal sounded a warning to the rest of the premier league yesterday when they trounced Manchester United 3-0 in the Charity Shield at Wembley — the traditional curtain-raiser to the English season.

Overcoming blistering weather, Arsenal took control of the match after 34 minutes, when Dutchman Marc Overmars gave them the lead and went on to dominate a listless-looking United with further goals from Liberian substitute Christopher Wreh after 57 minutes and a superb third from French striker Nicolas Anelka after 72 minutes.

United's poor afternoon was summed up perfectly when substitute Teddy Sheringham, looking for a consolation goal, fired three meters wide with only David Seaman to beat late in the match.

Arsenal, who ended United's two-year reign as champions with a run of 10 successive wins in last season's run-in, looked far more settled than United, who need to show an improvement before they meet LKS Lodz of Poland in a Champions' League qualifier on Wednesday.

Arsenal as champions, have qualified automatically for the Champions' League and will be playing their home

matches in the competition at Wembley and if yesterday's exhibition is anything to go by, their opponents will certainly not relish visiting the Twin Towers.

One player who clearly enjoys playing there is Overmars, who opened the scoring when Arsenal defeated Newcastle in the FA Cup Final last May.

United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel had no chance after Dennis Bergkamp, with a backheel, and Anelka, set up the chance which Overmars blasted in superbly.

Wreh, who replaced Bergkamp at halftime made it 2-0 after Overmars outpaced the United defense before finding Anelka who set Wreh up with his chance. Wreh's first shot was blocked by Schmeichel, but he made no mistake from the rebound.

The best goal of the match was Anelka's who also scored in the Cup Final against Newcastle. Arsenal midfielder Ray Parlour sent him away on a chase and the Frenchman held off a determined challenge from United's new £10.75 million defender Jaap Stam to score with an angled left-foot shot.

Stam, under intense scrutiny following his move from PSV Eindhoven and a poor World Cup for the

Netherlands, played well enough, but Arsenal again proved the middle of the United defense is the weakest part of the team.

One United player to emerge with credit was David Beckham, booed every time he touched the ball by the Arsenal fans, following his sending off in the World Cup for England against Argentina. He was United's most influential midfielder and was unlucky not to score with a free kick late in the game.

The match ended with a flurry of substitutions from both sides, and although much of the football was low-key and forgettable, the message from the afternoon was unmistakable.

Arsenal, who became the first team from London to win the Charity Shield outright since Tottenham in 1962, look well-equipped to mount a very strong challenge for another English championship — not to mention European honors back at Wembley when the serious stuff begins.

Coach Arsene Wenger said: "It was important game psychologically. It was quite level in the first half. United played well then but both teams tired a little in the second half."

Bruck still too good over 50 meters

By HEATHER CHAIT

Yoav Bruck faced and thwarted an attack from Eytan Orbach on the last day of the national swimming championships at the Wingate Institute yesterday.

Bruck won the 50 meters freestyle in 23:42 seconds, thirty-five hundredths of a second faster than Orbach's 23:77.

Oren Azrad was third in 23:82.

Anya Gostamelsky won the women's equivalent event in 27:58, beating Lital Cashriel, back from a year's study at Connecticut University, into second place with 27:93.

Mickey Halika, who set a new record in the 200m butterfly, won his favorite distance, the 1500m freestyle in 15:58:96. Shilo Eylon was second in 16:12:51.

Yoav Meiri won the 200m individual medley in 2:07:91 with Dov Melnick second in 2:09:57.

Dana Eden won this distance among the women with a time of 2:23:96. Vered Borochovsky was second in 2:24:61 with Adi Bichman third (2:25:16).

Bichman improved her placing in the 800m freestyle which she won in 9:27:79.

Hapoel Jerusalem's men won the 4x100 medley relay in a new record time of 3:52:55, breaking the old mark by two whole seconds.

Greater Jerusalem won the women's equivalent, demolishing the old record set in 1982 by almost six seconds. The Jerusalemites clocked 4:24:72.

The team event was won by Kiryat Ono, who amassed 1202 points, followed by Maccabi Haifa (1148) and Hapoel Jerusalem (890).

The outstanding swimmers of the meeting were Mickey Halika and Gostamelsky.

Benoit, Alexander to boost Mac. Tel Aviv

By GIL HOFFMAN

Former NBA players forward David Benoit and center Victor Alexander are expected to join the Maccabi Tel Aviv training camp today after signing with the perennial National Basketball League champions over the weekend.

Benoit, known for his offensive rebounding skills and his outside shooting, played five seasons for the Utah Jazz, starting for two seasons alongside Utah superstars Karl Malone and John Stockton. Last year he split time between the New Jersey Nets and the Orlando Magic after missing the 1996-97 season with an injury to his Achilles tendon.

Although he played mostly small forward in the NBA, the 2.03 meter Benoit is expected to move to the power forward position for Maccabi, which will team him with small forward Nadav Henefeld.

The signing means that former Hapoel Galil Elyon star Gur Shelef, a starter on the national team, who signed a three-year \$600,000 contract with Maccabi in June, will now be relegated to the bench.

The 2.09 m. Alexander was signed to fill the gaping hole at center left by the expected departure of Rashard Griffith to Turkey.

Griffith has said he will not play for Maccabi next year after professional disagreements with last year's coach, Vinko Jelovac.

After enjoying little success in four seasons with the Golden State Warriors in the NBA, Alexander has been a star for the last two seasons in the Greek league. In his best season two years ago, Alexander averaged 16 points and 7.7 rebounds a game for AEK Athens.

"Alexander is one of the best centers in Europe and his career proves that. He makes players around him better," Maccabi coach Yoram Harush told the Hebrew press. "It looks like this season Maccabi Tel Aviv will be very talented, perhaps even more talented than last year."

The signing of Benoit and Alexander fills the league quota of two foreign players for Maccabi. Guard Nikola Lonchar is expected to join the club Thursday.

The starting five for the upcoming season is now set with Lonchar and Doron Shefer at guard, Henefeld and Benoit at forward and Victor Alexander at center.

The signings came amid rumors that former Maccabi star Randy White was negotiating a contract with Maccabi's arch rivals, Hapoel Jerusalem.

Three teams lock up home advantage for AFL playoffs

MELBOURNE (AP) — Sydney, North Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs have all but sewn up three of the top four Australian Football League positions, guaranteeing home-ground advantage in next month's finals.

With three Australian Rules football rounds remaining, the trio have a two-game advantage over Adelaide with a spot in the top half of the final eight ensuring home advantage in the first week of the finals, at least.

The crucial game yesterday was Sydney's 10:14 (74) to 9:14 (68) victory over West Coast, a result which drops the Eagles to seventh.

West Coast was leapfrogged yesterday by reigning premier Adelaide, which ended the finals chances of local rivals Port Adelaide with a 22:12 (144) to 10:10 (70) victory.

The other match yesterday saw Richmond move back into eighth spot, ahead of Melbourne, after downing Collingwood 12:14 (86) to 9:13 (67).

On Saturday, cellar-dwellers Hawthorn surprised St. Kilda, last year's runners-up, by 10 goals, winning 19:14 (128) to 10:9 (69). The Saints have lost four of their last five games.

Essendon's forward line proved too much for Fremantle as the Bombers cruised to a 33-point victory. The 18:11 (119) to 12:14 (86) win was the Bombers' fifth in a row and kept open the door to a top four berth with three games remaining.

Geelong ended its six-game losing streak with a one-point win over the Bulldogs, 14:13 (97) to 13:18 (96). The Cats trailed at each break but Carl Steinfort's point late in the game gave them the win after the lead changed four times in the last quarter.

Melbourne forward David Schwarz struck form with a six-goal performance to lift the Demons to a 49-point victory over Carlton. Schwarz broke open the match with a five-goal burst in the third term as Melbourne sailed to a 16:17 (113) to 8:16 (64) win.

On Friday, North Melbourne led by eight points at the first break en route to a 15:23 (113) to 12:14 (86) win over Brisbane.

Western results: Sydney 10:14 (74) def. West Coast 9:14 (68); Richmond 12:14 (86) def. Collingwood 9:13 (67); Adelaide 22:12 (144) def. Port Adelaide 10:10 (70); Essendon 18:11 (119) def. Fremantle 12:14 (86); Hawthorn 19:14 (128) def. St. Kilda 10:9 (69); Geelong 14:13 (97) def. Western Bulldogs 13:18 (96); Melbourne 16:17 (113) def. Carlton 8:16 (64); North Melbourne 15:23 (113) def. Brisbane 12:14 (86).

Boldon gains revenge in Monaco

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Trinidad's Ato Boldon got revenge against Olympic champion Donovan Bailey of Canada in the men's 100 meters, and American Marion Jones posted another fast time in the women's 100 Saturday at the Herculis Golden League athletics meet.

Boldon was timed in 9.92 seconds in beating Bailey, second at 9.96. Third was Namibia's Frankie Fredericks in 10.02.

Only world champion Maurice Greene of the United States was missing from the top field.

Boldon has the fastest times of the year, running 9.86 twice. Bailey holds the world record in 9.84.

A \$1 million bonus will be shared among the athletes who remain unbeaten through the six Golden League meets and the Grand Prix final in Moscow next month.

Jones, Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie, American Bryan Bronson and Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj are still alive for the bonus.

On a warm night on the French Riviera, there were several season

bests set.

Jones stayed unbeaten in the women's 100, winning in 10.72, only .01 second off her season's world best.

The next Golden League meet is in Zurich on Wednesday.

Wilson Kipketer opened his season with a 1:43.74 victory in the 800 meters. It was his first race in nearly 11 months after contracting malaria in January.

In the women's 400 hurdles, American Kim Batten ran 52.74, only .13 seconds off her world record and equal to the third-best ever.

American Michael Johnson won the men's 400 in 43.96, the second time he has been under 44 seconds this season.

El Guerrouj clocked 3:28.37 in winning the 1,500. Bernard Barmasai of Kenya took the 3,000 steeplechase in another season's best with 8:00.67 and Maxim Tarasov of Russia won the pole vault at 5.90 meters (19 feet-4 1/4 inches).

Bronson won the men's 400 hurdles in 47.93, keeping alive his Golden League unbeaten record.

Villa threaten to stop paying Unsworth

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters) — The David Unsworth transfer saga took yet another twist yesterday with Aston Villa threatening to stop his wages if he fails to rejoin them this morning.

Unsworth has been ordered to report for training at Villa's Bodmoor Heath headquarters after Everton failed to meet Friday's afternoon's deadline for settling his three million pounds transfer fee to Goodison Park.

But the former England defender is threatening to ignore that instruction and remain at home in Liverpool.

That could force Villa manager John Gregory to call in the Football Association (FA) and Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) to try to resolve a situation which even the player's agent admits has become a "complete farce."

Villa's secretary-director Steve Stride has made a personal plea to Unsworth to change his mind and return to the Midlands club.

"The lad has a career and he needs to think about that," said Stride.

"The situation is clear. He is still our player and if he doesn't turn up tomorrow then he will be fined. The maximum we can fine him is two weeks' wages."

"But if he doesn't train or play for us he won't be paid either. I would hope that if he is thinking about not coming back he has a change of heart. If he doesn't I wouldn't like to say what will happen long-term."

The saga began 17 days ago when Villa signed Unsworth from West Ham. Within 48 hours the player told Gregory he had made a terrible mistake and wanted to rejoin his former club Everton.

Villa reluctantly agreed and struck a deal with Everton's new manager Walter Smith to be fully reimbursed. But according to Gregory: "the Everton chairman will not agree to the transfer."

"Our deadline has passed and now David Unsworth has to return for training with us on Monday," said Gregory. "I could have allowed Everton another week. But they're messing everyone around."

"The player is in the middle of it and so are Aston Villa."

FA to double drugs checks following allegation

LONDON (Reuters) — The English Football Association (FA) is stepping up its drug testing program in the wake of claims by former Aston Villa manager Ron Atkinson that "drugs are used by footballers at the highest level."

Atkinson, in his book entitled "A Different Ball Game," says cannabis and cocaine are taken by players and that the biggest drugs dealer in the game is "reputed to be a well known England international."

Atkinson says that while in charge at Villa in the early 1990s he subjected his players to blood tests without telling them what they were for and that at least two players were found to have taken an illegal substance.

Atkinson's spokesman Steve Double said: "We currently have a proposal with the government to double the existing drugs program."

"We are testing more but finding less. Over the last few years the number of tests has risen to over 500 but last year there were just three positive finds."

Rafter wins Canadian Open

TORONTO (AP) — Patrick Rafter became the first player to win the Canadian Open without losing a set yesterday when he beat Richard Krajicek 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

The 25-year-old Australian had a clean slate in five matches, and beat Krajicek for only the second time in eight career meetings.

Neither player had a break in the first set, but Rafter won a tiebreaker thanks to Krajicek's serving struggles. The Dutchman, who relies on his hard serves, missed three first serves and Rafter pounced on the second offerings.

Rafter looked like he was in trouble in the second set, when Krajicek broke him to lead 3-1. But Rafter broke right back, then broke again to go up 5-4 and serve for the match.

Rafter, who defends his US Open title in a few weeks, earned \$361,000. Krajicek received \$190,000.

By winning, Rafter will move up to No. 3 in world behind today American Pete Sampras and top-ranked Marcelo Rios of Chile.

In Saturday's semis, Andre Agassi couldn't put away Krajicek and saw his impressive run come to an end. Krajicek won 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Rafter was a 6-2, 6-4 winner over Tim Henman.

Still, Agassi will be ranked No. 9 in the ATP's new rankings, his first time in the top 10 since January 1997.

Agassi was looking for his fourth Canadian Open title and he seemed to be on the way when he took the first set from the sixth-seeded and ninth-ranked Krajicek, who double-faulted on the set's final point.

As the Dutchman grew more and more frustrated with his play, he started having conversations with his racket. With Agassi leading 3-2 in the second set, Krajicek put three service returns into the net to trail 15-40. The talk with his racket must have kicked in as Krajicek saved the game to tie 3-3, saved three break points on his next serve, and finally broke Agassi to go up 6-5.

Krajicek finished with 15 aces to none for Agassi and had 55 winners to Agassi's 19.

The other semifinal between Rafter, the Australian seeded third and ranked fifth, and the seventh-seeded Henman of England, was a one-sided match.

Rafter had 12 unforced errors and took just over an hour to beat Henman, who had 23. Rafter also had 29 winners to 12 for Henman and didn't commit a single double-fault.

Rafter has only one win in seven meetings against Krajicek.

Unseeded Mary Pierce rallied from a huge deficit and saved three match points in stunning top-ranked Martina Hingis 3-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 in the semifinals of the \$450,000 tournament in Carlsbad, California.

Pierce will face second-seeded Lindsay Davenport in today's final. Davenport advanced with a 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 victory over fourth-seeded Monica Seles.

Pierce closed out the match when Hingis hit a backhand into the net. Hingis was upset that she allowed the match to slip away.

The win avenged Hingis' 6-0, 6-2 victory over Pierce in the semifinals here last year.

Davenport used a late service break en route to winning the final three games in her victory.

Seles called the loss "frustrating" because she let an overruled line call in the third set affect her.

With Seles leading 3-2, and Davenport serving at 30-30, Seles appeared to get a break point when a shot by Davenport was called out by the linesman. But chair umpire Anne Lasserre-Ullrich of France overruled the call.

Seles protested and finally persuaded Lasserre-Ullrich to call for a let. Davenport won the replayed point and, eventually, the game to even the score at 3-3.

"It bothered me a little more than it should have," Seles admitted. "In my mind it did (make a difference) because it just bugged me more than it should have."

Davenport won 88 points compared to 87 for Seles, who hit 41 winners while Davenport had 39. And both players converted four break points.

Allan snatches remarkable win in German Open

BERLIN (Reuters) — Australian Stephen Allan snatched a remarkable one-shot victory in the German Open yesterday, shugging off a wasp sting and a late triple bogey to capitalize on a collapse by defending champion Ignacio Garrido of Spain.

Allan's three-under-par 69 for an eight-under 289 total included a six on the par three 13th, but six birdies saw him to his maiden European Tour title and the \$192,100 first prize.

The 24-year-old Melbourne professional also had to contend with

a nasty wasp sting after making his opening birdie on the second hole.

Garrido had looked to be coasting to another victory following his win in Stuttgart last year as he opened up a three-stroke lead after starting two ahead of the field.

But then as Allan, who fell four strokes behind because of his triple bogey, repaired the damage, the man from Madrid suddenly went into free-fall as he came home.

A double-bogey on the 13th began a run of four dropped shots

in five holes to leave Garrido having to share second place with two Englishmen, Mark Roe and Steven Webster and Ireland's Padraig Harrington.

Roe and Harrington also erred crucially at the end. A second successive three-pur bogey on the short 17th left Roe a stroke light in the end. Harrington bogeyed the last after hooking his tee shot into deep rough.

Allan was understandably dazed after becoming the seventh first-time winner on the European Tour this year.

NBA risks fan alienation if lockout persists

NEW YORK (AP) — As the summer winds along and the National Basketball Association's lockout of the players drags on with no end in sight, signs are starting to emerge that this impasse could become as divisive and harmful as the strike that wracked Major League Baseball four years ago.

And this time, American fans could turn their backs on pro basketball. Consider this recent warning from NBA legend Wilt Chamberlain: "Baseball should have taught all these leagues a lesson, but apparently it hasn't. I hope I don't reflect the entire population of basketball fans, because if I do, the league is in big trouble. I have no patience for this."

The NBA endured lockouts in 1995 (for almost three months) and 1996 (for a few hours) without damaging its popularity, primarily because the work stoppages took place during the offseason and the league never lost a regular-season game to labor strife.

Major League Baseball, however, was struck at the beginning of September — a month before the sport headed into its post-season championship playoffs. The ensuing cancellation of the World Series alienated legions of fans, cost the club owners and players a combined \$1 billion, and led to a 20 percent attendance drop the following season.

This summer's NBA lockout is similar to the last two, drawing little interest or concern from fans whose attention has been focused on baseball, the World Cup and the countdown to the start of the American gridiron football season.

But trouble could set in soon, especially if the current impasse lasts into September and threatens to disrupt the start of training camps in early October and the scheduled start of the season Nov. 3.

"The most important people here, other than us players, are the fans out there," said Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone, who made a surprising appearance at Thursday's bargaining session that ended with commissioner David Stern and the club owners abruptly walking out, saying they were "insulted."

"I love baseball, but I don't want to see what happened to (MLB) happen to our game. And that's what I saw today," Malone said.

Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the episode that made them leave the room came when a union attorney started lecturing them on the league's chances of success in pending litigation.

"They disrespected us," said New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing, president of the players association. Stern, whose temper is well-known in the NBA office, already had a poor relationship with two of the union's lawyers — so poor, in fact, that past bargaining sessions have deteriorated into shouting

matches, with curses and insults flying. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and MLB Players Association head Donald Fehr engaged in similar exchanges in the months after the World Series was canceled.

In a conference call after the talks broke off, Stern was pessimistic enough to admit that Jan. 20 would be the drop-dead date after which the NBA would probably have to cancel the season.

With so many harsh feelings and with Stern seemingly willing to sacrifice games, gambling that the players' loss of paychecks will make them soften their stance, it would be a major surprise if any new talks will take place until the end of August at the earliest.

In the meantime, the next chapter of the lockout will be contested in front of arbitrator John Feerick, dean of the Fordham University law school. The union filed a grievance with Feerick on June 30, a few hours before the lockout

commenced, contending that the owners should be paying players with guaranteed contracts during the lockout. If the players win the grievance, the owners' bargaining position would be weakened considerably, since they would be obligated to meet about \$800 million worth of contract obligations for the 1998-99 season.

The players also have a complaint before the National Labor Relations Board, the government agency that brought an end to the MLB strike by convincing a federal judge that owners were not bargaining in good faith.

"The message they gave us was they didn't think it's necessary for them to bargain seriously until that happens," Stern said after talks broke off.

The hearing before Feerick will be August 24-25, and the NLRB's New York director is due to make a report to his superiors in Washington by Aug. 10. Which means no one should expect

any truly meaningful offers to be extended by either side until outsiders determine who will hold the leverage. In the end, however, the most leverage will be held by the fans.

"Basketball is different from baseball. Basketball is exactly where society is at right now — fast-paced, a lot of scoring, a lot of dunking, a lot of making money," fan Alexi Yulich said Friday as he stood outside the site of the NBA's soon-to-open merchandise store on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

"It's all about 19-year-old kids making tons of money, tattoos, brand-new sneakers, 'phat' cars, music videos. Baseball is associated with sitting back and napping. I think the lockout could go on two full years and it wouldn't hurt the sport."

Chamberlain wouldn't agree. The future of the sport may depend on whether a majority of people agree with Chamberlain or the man on the street.

Mare's FGs propel Miami past Redskins

Ravens win in new home during full slate of exhibition games



27, 45, 50 and 46 yards in Miami's 19-16 victory over Washington on Saturday night.

One of Mare's kicks capped a strong, game-opening, 70-yard drive by the Dan Marino-led first team that took 9:37 off the clock.

Marino, in his only series, was 6-for-7 for 58 yards, and running back Karim Abdul-Jabbar rushed for 46 yards in eight carries.

Steelers 24, Bills 13
Jahane Arnold, not assured of making host Pittsburgh's season-opening roster, set up the Steelers' first three scores with two long kickoff returns and a reception. Rookie Pete Gonzalez was 6-for-11 for 116 yards and a touchdown for Pittsburgh (1-1).

Doug Flutie, the 36-year-old former Heisman Trophy winner who has spent most of the 1990s playing in Canada, was frequently flushed out of the pocket to deliver hurried passes while going 6-of-12 for 44 yards for the Bills.

Ravens 19, Bears 14
Jim Harbaugh directed two scoring drives in his Baltimore debut as the Ravens inaugurated their lavish new stadium.

A sellout crowd of 65,938 showed up for the grand opening of the yet-to-be-named \$220 million stadium adjacent to Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

Harbaugh, obtained in an off-season trade from Indianapolis, went 10-for-13 for 60 yards and scrambled twice for 28 yards. He left with 6:07 left in the second quarter after moving the Ravens 80 yards in 18 plays in a drive that consumed more than 11 minutes and gave Baltimore a 9-0 lead.

Panthers 30, Jaguars 27
John Kasay, who kicked field goals of 38, 24, 27 and 29 yards in the first half, hit his fifth in as many attempts, a 30-yarder with four seconds left, for the home win.

Kerry Collins was 16-of-22 for 162 yards and was not intercepted. His lone touchdown pass, a 3-yard toss to Muhsin Muhammad, helped the Panthers to a 19-10 halftime lead.

Broncos 20, Rams 13
Backup quarterback Bubba Brister produced 13 first-half points for his visitors while John Elway was in Minnesota with his ailing wife.

Brister was 13-for-22 for 181

yards and a touchdown, and helped set up two field goals by Jason Elam.

Packers 31, Saints 7
Travis Jervy rushed nine times for 100 yards and two touchdowns for host Green Bay (2-0).

Jervy has rushed 14 times for 172 yards during the preseason, an average of more than 12 yards a carry.

Brett Favre, who was just 1-of-5 for two yards and a fumble against Kansas City last week, completed all seven of his passes for 86 yards and a touchdown.

The Saints' Billy Joe Hobert, starting for Heath Shuler, out with an injured foot, was 7-of-16 for 81 yards.

Giants 24, Bengals 17
Phillippi Sparks forced a fumble and had an interception, and New York converted four turnovers into 24 points in the first football game played on a grass field at Giants Stadium.

Danny Kanell and third-string quarterback Mike Cherry each threw a TD for the Giants.

Chiefs 17, Buccaneers 13
In Norman, Oklahoma, Kansas City receiver Chris Ortiz recovered a Tampa Bay fumble in the end zone with 44 seconds left to give the Chiefs (1-1) a wild victory in the first exhibition game at the University of Oklahoma since 1976.

Raiders 16, Cowboys 3
Jeff George was 6-of-11 for 128 yards and one touchdown in one quarter as he helped make Jon Gruden's Oakland coaching debut a success with a road win.

Dallas' Troy Aikman was only 1-of-6 for six yards in his brief appearance. Backup Jason Garrett was 5-of-9 for 32 yards for the Cowboys (0-2).

Seahawks 24, Colts 21
Peyton Manning, whose first NFL pass went for a touchdown, was 8-of-15 for 113 yards yet was outplayed by host Seattle's backup Jon Kitna.

After four handoffs to Marshall Faulk on his first series, Manning, the first pick in this year's draft, threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Harrison.

Chargers 27, 49ers 21
Ryan Leaf, the No. 2 pick in this year's draft, came out poised and led two scoring drives for host San Diego — capping one with an impressive 3-yard TD pass to Bryan Still.

Leaf, who was 14-of-20 for 116 yards, had a more productive night than San Francisco's Steve Young. Young threw just seven passes, completing three for 20 yards and was sacked once.

Backup QB Jim Druckenmiller was 7-of-13 for 71 yards for the 49ers (1-1).

ST. LOUIS (AP) — On a day when Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa both homered, Ray Lankford was the unlikely hitting star.

After striking out in his first five at-bats, Lankford hit a game-tying two-run homer in the 11th inning and a game-winning RBI single in the 13th to lift the St. Louis Cardinals to a wild 9-8 victory against the Chicago Cubs.

With the bases loaded and no outs in the 13th, the Cubs moved center fielder Lance Johnson in as an extra infielder, but Lankford grounded a single off Dave Stevens (1-2) through the right side to score Pat Kelly.

Sosa hit a two-run homer in the top of the ninth, his 44th, off reliever Rich Croushore to erase a 5-3 St. Louis lead and set the stage for extra innings where the Cubs twice took leads only to have closer Rod Beck blow them by allowing Lankford's homer in the 11th and a solo shot to Eli Marrero in the 12th.

McGwire hit his major league-leading 46th homer leading off the fourth to end his longest home run drought of the season at 29 at-bats.

Braves 14, Giants 6
Keith Lockhart, Andres Galarraga, Javy Lopez, Andrew Jones and Greg Colburn homered as part of a season-high 20-hit outburst as Atlanta won 14-6 the road.

Mets 4, Rockies 3
Edgardo Alfonzo hit a two-run home run and Armando Reynoso scattered 10 hits in seven innings against his former team as New York notched a road win.

John Olerud went 2-for-4 to improve his league-leading batting average to .346 and extend his hitting streak to an NL season-high 22 games for the Mets, who trail the Chicago Cubs by a half-game in the NL wild-card race.

Reds 4, Brewers 0
Dennis Reyes won his second consecutive start as the Reds notched their first consecutive shutouts since May 25-27, 1992, against the New York Mets.

Expos 5, Diamondbacks 3
Shane Andrews homered for the second game in a row and Dustin Hermanson pitched seven solid innings to lead Montreal to a home win.

Dodgers 2, Pirates 1
Eric Young hit an RBI single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to cap a two-run rally.

Astros 7, Phillies 6
Scott Rolen's error allowed the tying run to score and Mark Leiter hit Richard Hidalgo with a pitch to force in the winning run as Houston scored twice in the bottom of the ninth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Yankees 14, Royals 1
Jorge Posada drove in a career-high six runs and Scott Brosius capped a six-run sixth inning with a three-run homer to lift Orlando Hernandez and New York to a home win.

The Yankees have outscored the Royals 36-6 in the first three

games of this series and have scored 71 runs in their last seven games as they have pushed their record 54 games over .500.

White Sox 4, Angels 3 (2nd)
Mike Cameron led off the ninth inning with a home run to complete host Chicago's doubleheader sweep.

Cameron hit a 2-0 pitch from Shigetoshi Hasegawa (2-1) to left center. Chad Bradford (1-0) picked up his first major league victory, getting Randy Velarde on a groundout in the ninth to strand two runners.

Orioles 6, Twins 3
Rafael Palmeiro hit a three-run homer, his 35th of the season, and Brady Anderson added a two-run shot as Baltimore won on the road.

Eric Davis also extended his hitting streak to 24 games for the Orioles, tying Palmeiro's team record set in 1994 and helping Baltimore win its fifth straight game improve to 22-5 since the All-Star break.

Minnesota's Paul Molitor went 5-for-5 — his sixth career five-hit game — and stole his 500th career base, making him the fifth player in major league history with at least 3,000 hits and 500 steals.

Red Sox 11, Rangers 1
Darren Bragg was 4-for-6 with two homers and Tim Wakefield pitched eight strong innings as Boston snapped host Texas' six-game winning streak.

Mo Vaughn, Nomar Garciaparra and Mike Stanley each had three hits for Boston. Stanley also drove in three runs.

Blue Jays 6, Athletics 5 (10)
Mark Dalessandro hit a bases-loaded, one-out infield single in the bottom of the 10th.

Canseco hit his 32nd homer for Toronto, and Shawn Green added his 21st. Ben Grieve hit his 15th homer for Oakland.

Charles G. Devil Rays 2
Lindas Nagy pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and Brian Giles hit a solo homer in Cleveland's road victory.

In an AL game reported in yesterday's edition:
Mariners 9, Tigers 3
Russ Davis hit two homers and Alex Rodriguez continued his torrid hitting at Tiger Stadium.

Rob Ducey and Edgar Martinez also homered for the Mariners, who have won three straight and five of their last six.

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Mariners notch first 4-game sweep

DETROIT (AP) — Alex Rodriguez hit a tie-breaking, three-run homer in the seventh inning as the Seattle Mariners finished their first ever four-game sweep of the Detroit Tigers with a 6-3 win yesterday.

Ken Griffey Jr. failed to homer for the ninth straight game but made a spectacular leaping catch in center to rob Detroit's Luis Gonzalez of a two-run homer. Griffey, the AL's home run leader with 41, was 1-for-5 with three strikeouts, hasn't homered in 42 at-bats.

Edgar Martinez went 3-for-5 with a homer and two RBIs and rookie Raul Ibanez also homered for the Mariners, who have won six of their last seven. Detroit has lost six straight and 10 of 12.

Devil Rays 2, Indians 1
John Flaherty's ninth-inning double drove in Quinton McCracken from first base and gave the host Tampa Bay Devil Rays a 2-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

McCracken began the ninth with a single off Paul Assenmacher (2-5).

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England's Dominic Cork appeals unsuccessfully for lbw against South African all-rounder Brian McMillan as he and Jonty Rhodes cross for a run.

Test series set for thrilling finish

LEEDS (Reuters) — England were on the verge of a rare series victory in the fifth and final Test against South Africa yesterday.

South Africa, chasing 219, needed 34 to win after closing on 185 for eight on a gripping fourth day that saw remarkable swings of fortune.

England had collapsed in the morning, losing their last six wickets for 34 runs to be bowled out for 240. Shaun Pollock and Allan Donald each claimed five wickets.

But South Africa fared even worse in reply as Darren Gough and Angus Fraser reduced them to 27 for five immediately after lunch. Jonty Rhodes and Brian McMillan then steadied the innings and their free-scoring partnership of 117 swung the match back.

Having taken lunch at 10 for one with Gerhard Liebenberg (6) trapped lbw by Gough, South Africa were 12 for four just five overs after the restart.

Gary Kirsten (3) drove Gough hard and low to Mike Atherton in the gully. Jacques Kallis (3) fell lbw to Fraser and Hansie Cronje caused much debate by laughing after being given out caught behind for no run.

The South African captain was adjudged by umpire Peter Willey to have touched a delivery from Fraser to opposite number Alec Stewart but, although he said nothing and did not loiter, he grinned widely and then laughed as he removed his helmet and left the field.

Daryl Cullinan made the second duck of the innings amid yet more controversy when umpire Javed Akhtar gave him out lbw to a ball from Gough that appeared on television replays to be missing leg stump.

But Rhodes responded to the crisis with his usual aggression while McMillan, playing his first Test of

the summer and with just 53 first class runs on tour, defended stoutly to reach 54 from 120 balls with eight fours.

The burly all rounder miscued an attempted six and skied the ball to Stewart. Gough then trapped Mark Boucher lbw for his fifth wicket of the innings.

But Shaun Pollock's unbeaten 24 and further stout defense from Allan Donald (two not out) put the result in doubt again and gave South Africa fresh hope.

With Fraser off the field with a back injury, England skipper Alec Stewart declined to take the extra 30 minutes' play and decided to come back to finish things off today.

Ironically the day began with an England collapse, instigated by Donald and Pollock, that saw the home side lose their last six wickets for 34 runs to be bowled out for 240, a lead of just 218.

Donald and new ball partner Pollock both took five wickets bowling unchanged for the 19.2 overs that England lasted before lunch after resuming on 206 for four.

Nightwatchman Salisbury (4) survived just one delivery of the first over before Pollock had him caught behind by wicket keeper Mark Boucher and Donald claimed two victims in his second over to hasten England's demise.

Andrew Flintoff completed a miserable 'pair' in the match when he, too, edged a catch to Boucher and Graeme Hick departed for a single after meekly driving a clever slower ball from Donald to extra cover.

Nasser Hussain, unbeaten with 83 overnight, managed just 11

more runs before lofting an off drive against Pollock to Cronje.

His 94 spanned seven hours eight minutes and 341 balls and contained 13 fours.

Donald claimed the last two wickets to give him five for 71, his fourth five-wicket haul of the series and a final total of 33 wickets at an average of 19.78. Pollock's five for 53 was his best return of the summer.

If England can complete the victory to take the series 2-1 it will be their first triumph over a major Test-playing nation since they beat Australia in 1986/87. They last won a full series at home the year before, also against Australia.

England first innings 230 (M.Boucher 116)
South Africa first innings 228
(H.Cronje 57, A.Fraser 5-40)

England second innings (overnight 206-4)
M.Boucher c McMillan b Pollock 206-4
M.Atherton lbw b Donald 101-1
J.Kallis lbw b Fraser 54-1
A.Stewart c Boucher b Pollock 54-1
S.Flintoff c Boucher b Pollock 25-1
G.Hick c Fraser b Donald 25-1
S.Bairstow c Boucher b Pollock 4-1
G.Lewis c Fraser b Donald 1-1
A.Flintoff c Boucher b Donald 1-1
D.Gough c Cullinan b Donald 1-1
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A.Fraser not out 1-1
Total for eight, 88 overs
Fall of wickets: 1-2-21 3-1-43 4-206 5-206 6-207 7-207 8-207 9-207
Bowling: Pollock 35-14-53-4 (2nb), Donald 29-2-71-5 (1nb 1w), McMillan 11-0-22-0 (3nb), Ntini 15-4-40-0 (3nb), Kallis 15-6-31-0 (1w), Cullinan 1-0-1-0 (1nb), Gough 4-1-4-0

South Africa second innings
G.Kirsten c Atherton b Gough 3-1
G.Liebenberg lbw b Gough 5-1
J.Kallis lbw b Fraser 3-1
D.Cullinan lbw b Gough 3-1
H.Cronje c Stewart b Fraser 2-1
R.Florence c Fraser b Gough 2-1
S.McMillan c Stewart b Cork 54-1
S.Bairstow not out 24-1
S.Bairstow lbw b Gough 2-1
A.Donald not out 2-1
Extras (b-2 nb-2) 4-1
Total for eight, 88 overs
Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-12 3-12 4-12 5-27 6-144 7-167 8-175
To bat: M.Hussain Ntini
Bowling (to date): Gough 19-6-38-5, Fraser 20-2-62-2 (2nb), Donald 17-1-50-1, Flintoff 4-0-13-0, Salisbury 5-0-34-0

Yugoslavia's hoopsters return to the top of the world

ATHENS (Reuters) — Yugoslavia regained the world basketball championship yesterday, coming from behind to beat Russia 64-62 in the final.

In a tense, closely-fought game played out to a near-capacity crowd of around 18,000 at the Olympic indoor stadium, the Yugoslavs just held on for their fourth world crown.

Yugoslavia won the title in 1990 but were prevented from defending it four years later because of the international sporting boycott.

Russia had led 35-30 at half-time yesterday but Yugoslavia took a critical 57-56 lead with a minute left.

Both sides were then involved in a series of one-point penalty throws but the most telling moment came with just 30 seconds left when Yugoslav Zeljko Rebraca blocked what looked like a certain Russian two-pointer.

Rebraca had been active at the other end, top scoring for the winners with 16 points.

But the most valuable player of the tournament award went to team mate Dejan Bodiroga, who weighed in with 11 points. His coolness under pressure in the overtime victory against Greece in Saturday's semifinal had been an important factor in Yugoslavia making it through.

The Yugoslavs received a mixed welcome at the medal ceremony with the fervent Greek crowd continuing to chant for their own favorites.

Greece had to settle for fourth place after earlier losing the play-off 84-61 to the US who took the bronze medal.

But it was gold for Yugoslavia

and deservedly so. Their only defeat in the tournament was a narrow 61-60 reverse in group play by Italy.

They came to Athens minus three or four top players for various reasons but still produced high-quality, fast-moving basketball.

Coach Zeljko Obradovic said: "We didn't consider ourselves favorites and that showed in the way the game turned out. The victory was mainly due to a very good defense. It was a very nervous and physical game."

The Yugoslavs paraded the trophy proudly round the arena to the delight of their 2,000 strong following.

Earlier, "Sasa" Djordjevic, one of their other stars, had draped himself in his country's flag, happily inviting salutes.

As on Saturday, the Yugoslav fans were held back for security reasons but they were rewarded when the players made a second appearance.

The result spelt another disappointment for Russia, runners-up four years ago when an NBA US squad swept to the gold medal in the absence of the banned Yugoslavs.

Sergei Panov and Igor Koudelin ended on 14 points each for Russia but significantly the Yugoslavs managed to keep in single figures Sergei Babkov and Vassili Karashev, both heavy scorers at various stages earlier in the tournament.

Russian coach Sergei Belov said: "They deserved to win but my team played quite well. My players did what the coaching staff asked them to do, especially in the first half."

Palestinian invited to ATP event in Tel Aviv

By ORI LEWIS

A Palestinian tennis player will receive a wild card to the qualifying tournament of the \$50,000 Yitzhak Rabin Open to be held at Ramat Hasharon in October. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

Tournament director Howard Jaffe called *The Post* yesterday to announce that an invitation for one player would be made for the qualifying event of the ATP tournament, to be held October 5-12. He made the decision after reading an article on Palestinian tennis in the *Friday's Post*.

"It is up to the Palestinian Tennis Association to decide who to send, but I have faxed PTA Chairman Issa Rishmawi and am expecting a reply shortly," Jaffe said.

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